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Councils joining forces to discuss 'Devolution Deal' for South West

DISCUSSIONS are currently underway with members of Hearts of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership over a "Devolution Deal" for the area.

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in 2011 by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to help determine local economic priorities and lead economic growth and job creation within the local area.

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a key factor, as is how the area would be governed. An elected mayor seems to be the favoured governance policy when it comes to devolution, however HotSW are favouring a unitary authority similar to Cornwall.

Other key areas include strategic infrastructure; housing and planning; employment and skills; and business support.

A successful HotSW bid would be one of a number of deals by English regions working with the government to meet the many public sector challenges facing local authorities around the country.

HotSW have, however, welcomed the Chancellor's announcement in the Autumn Statement, confirming this government's commitment to the Growth Deal Expansion announced under the previous administration.

The news confirms the Growth Deal for £65.2million – the highest amount allocated to any one LEP in the country – to be invested in infrastructure projects in Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay. The projects were put forward by the HotSW LEP to boost the economy and act as a catalyst for growth and job creation.

Chairman of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership, Steve Hindley, said he was delighted that the government had confirmed its commitment to HotSW.

He said: "These projects will benefit the whole Heart of the South West economy, which is what the LEP is all about – partnership working to deliver economic growth and new employment opportunities throughout Devon, Plymouth, Somerset, Exeter and Torbay."

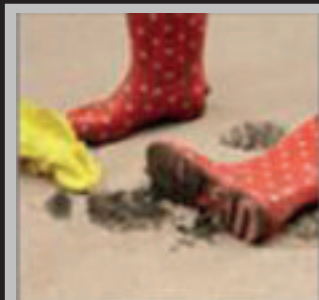
Councillor David Hall, Somerset County Council's Cabinet member for Business, Inward Investment and Policy, added: "This news confirms huge amounts of investment in Somerset and across the South West and shows what can be achieved through working together in partnership. In Somerset this means further funding in key schemes such as super-fast broadband in rural areas and vital improvements to the highways. These schemes will make a real difference by providing jobs, new homes and pumping millions of pounds into the local economy."



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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



BEER: Michael Mills-Roberts is stepping down as chef-manager of the successful Bistro at Beer Head Caravan Park



AXMOUTH: Holly Thompson won the Lysander Trophy for best overall cadet performance at Axe Valley Yacht Club



SOUTH SOMERSET: Alice Cannon (pictured with Riley), a volunteer at the 75-year-old Ferne Animal Sanctuary, which plans four new facilities buildings at its site near Chard



COLYTON: Carnival Queen Rose Dack helped to switch on the lights for the town's 'best ever' Christmas illuminations display

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Quotes of the week...

“ I bought the skydive for my boyfriend ... but when he told me he couldn't do it, I realised that I would have to."

Stef Hayes of Colyton who, along with colleague Marilyn Norris, has raised more than £1,200 for Hospiscare with a sponsored skydive

“ These orders should send out a clear warning to criminals that crime does not pay and that we will continue to ensure that those who have benefited from their criminal conduct will have it stripped away from them."

T/Chief Inspector Tim Coombe of Avon and Somerset Police, on the fining of an already-jailed Chard woman £45,000 for drug dealing offences

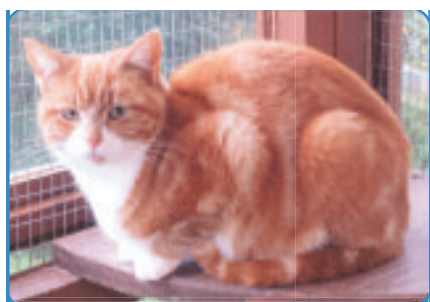
“ All Santa's helpers will be wearing a Rotary hi-viz tabard and will be carrying identification so there should be no impostors from the North Pole."

Sandra Shore of the Rotary Club of Crewkerne District, members of which will be escorting the man in red around town over the next two weeks

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TOP STORIES FROM ACROSS EAST DEVON AND SOUTH SOMERSET

AXMINSTER Exciting new plan for the George

THE rejuvenation of Axminster town centre could continue with a new plan for the empty George Hotel building.

Unoccupied for seven years, locals have become increasingly concerned about the state and future of the prominent town centre building.

Axminster Property, a division of Axminster Tool Centre Ltd, is behind the new plan but has stressed that no deal has been agreed or signed, but says it has been working on a project for some time.

The project has reached a stage where the company has shared an architect's impression of what the site might look like. The designs appeared on Facebook over the weekend and received a very positive response.

Operating as a hotel and pub for decades, the George Hotel's most recent tenant left in late 2008.

The future of the building is a constant matter of concern during town council meetings, and is also aired frequently on social media.

A long-term plan for the site is still to be decided.

COLYTON Donation funds 'best ever' lights

COLYTON got into the festive mood on Wednesday evening as the town switched on its "best ever" display of Christmas lights.

The usual illuminations have been greatly added to this year, thanks to a "significant" donation left to Colyton Carnival Committee by a local resident. The committee decided to use the money to hire Christmas lights for the next three years, costing a total of around £20,000, including strings of lights across the town centre and improved displays on the town hall and Colcombe Castle.

Proceeds from the event will be split between community organisations and the charity Hospiscare.

From the editor's chair The re-birth of the George?



WHEN I first started reporting, The George Hotel in Axminster was the social centre of the town.

It was where most of the annual dinner-dances were held, occupying the delightful Adam Room, frequently playing host to black-tie functions. It was where I first danced the cha-cha-cha with my first wife to the Tim Moulding Trio.

On market days it was where all the gentlemen farmers enjoyed a very convivial lunch after doing business at the cattle market.

It boasted the best restaurant in town.

It has been sad to watch the slow but steady decline of The George over the past 40 years. There have been a few attempts to revive its fortunes but none of them came to much. On occasions it's been a half-decent pub.

Standing opposite the derelict Webster's Garage site – soon to become a car park – the declining appearance of The George added to the perception and myth that Axminster was

a dying town. So it was with much joy – and great expectation – we report this week that a new plan to rejuvenate The George may be on the cards.

It is early days but the illustrations we publish on our Axminster front page have already been positively received on Facebook.

An offshoot of the Axminster Tool Centre, Axminster Properties Ltd, is behind the project. So we can rest assured that if the scheme comes about it will be a class development and financially sound.

With the Webster's saga thankfully drawing to a conclusion, the revival of this fine old building is just what Axminster needs. Ian Styles says it has a long way to go but he's testing the water to see what the townsfolk think.

My view of the old George, of course, is through rose-tinted glasses – but a first class hotel along the lines Mr Styles is hoping to deliver would be a huge economic boost to the town.

PHILIP EVANS

SOUTH SOMERSET SW councils join to discuss 'devolution'

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OTTERY ST MARY District council backs broadband

EAST Devon District Council has announced that it will pursue a 'pivotal' broadband project on behalf of its communities.

EDDC Leader Paul Diviani confirmed the council's commitment to meeting the district's broadband needs but said: "We cannot just give money blindly to this project – it would be irresponsible."

EDDC will shortly be applying to the £10million Broadband Innovation Fund, for finance to enable superfast broadband to be delivered to the remaining 10 per cent of East Devon rural homes and businesses that were not included in the first phase of the Connecting Devon and Somerset broadband infrastructure programme.

The council described their discussions with potential suppliers over the possible construction of Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) network as positive.

Part of the discussions have also concerned any alternative technology solutions, which would be financed by both public and private funds.

HONITON Council updates tenants on HQ

EAST Devon District Council has begun a series of regular progress update meetings with its small business tenants at the East Devon Business Centre in Honiton.

Their purpose is to keep tenants of the Heathpark Industrial Estate informed about the council's plans for its new headquarters, which will be built next door to the centre at Heathpark.

EDDC say they are keen to ensure that tenants know the latest details about the relocation and will give them the chance to discuss progress with key officers involved in the development of the council's new office building.

Commenting on the council's relocation plans for Honiton, Councillor Paul Diviani said the meeting had been extremely useful in allowing EDDC to hear any concerns.

"With works planned to start in the summer of 2016, we are now looking at an anticipated move in around autumn 2017.

SIDMOUTH Car park boost for Rotary

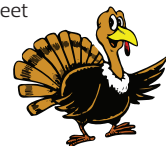
SIDMOUTH's Rotary Club stand to gain much needed funds from a new initiative at the maligned Mill Street car park.

Following a meeting between East Devon district councillors and Sidmouth ward members Matt Booth, Cathy Gardener and John Dyson and the service lead for Environmental Health and Car Parks at EDDC, Andrew Ennis, it has been agreed that unused car parking spaces at Mill Street and Holmedale – both EDDC owned car parks – will shortly be available to rent.

The Christmas scheme, which will run until December 27th, aims to raise funds for charity and assist in alleviating the heavy demand for parking during the town's busiest shopping period.

For a minimum donation of £5 a day, the council will offer temporary reserved parking permits on 36 bays in the Mill Street and Holmedale car parks.

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Chard drug dealer ordered to pay back £45,000 made through criminal activity

A WOMAN from Chard, who was jailed in October for drug dealing offences, has been ordered by the court to pay £45,000 within the next three months.

Sharon Hartley was convicted in October and sentenced to four years in prison after being found guilty of possession with intent to supply class A drugs, including cocaine.

At the Proceeds of Crime Hearing held last week at Taunton Crown Court, she was found to have benefited from criminal activity to the sum of £45,000.

As a result a Confiscation Order was made for the £45,000 with an additional sum £4,200 to be paid to cover prosecution costs. Confiscation orders force criminals to sell assets such as houses and cars to repay the order. Hartley, who is currently in prison, has three months to pay the money or face a further default sentence of an additional 12 months in prison.

Under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) once an offender has been convicted, police and the courts can investigate their finances and find out how much the offender has acquired through their criminal activity – wealth and assets they cannot account for from legitimate sources. The courts then impose an order forcing the offender to pay the sum within a certain period of time using any property, finance or assets they hold. The money seized goes to compensate victims, central government, the police, CPS and the courts. Through the Community Payback scheme some of the money is often returned to local communities.

T/Chief Inspector Tim Coombe said: "These orders should send out a clear warning to criminals that crime does not pay and that we will continue to ensure that those who have benefited from their criminal conduct will have it stripped away from them."

Free parking for Christmas shoppers

FESTIVE cheer will be spread to shoppers in Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster with the news that they will be able to park for free on the two Saturdays before Christmas.

South Somerset District Council's (SSDC) Area West Committee has agreed to fund free parking on Saturday, December 12th and 19th to encourage shoppers to support our market towns in the festive season and rediscover what can be bought locally.

The free car parking initiative from SSDC's Area West Committee is only applicable in South Somerset District Council run car parks.

Councillor Carol Goodall, chairman of the Area West Committee at South Somerset District Council, said: "We are pleased that we are able to do this again. We hope that lots of people will take advantage of these free parking days and support our local shops".

To find out more about the car parks in South Somerset or where the pay and display car parks in Chard, Crewkerne or Ilminster are located, visit the website www.southsomerset.gov.uk/parkingin-southsomerset

County council officer comes out on top at Local Authority Challenge

A SOMERSET County Council accountant was named as one of the winners in a regional challenge which put local authorities through their paces.

The first ever Local Authority Challenge was organised by South West councils to give local authority employees the experience of what it is like to run a council under extreme pressure. During the day, they had to deal with a number of hypothetical crises including the sale of poisonous pigeon pie and council leaders getting caught racing each other down the motorway.

Somerset County Council's team was the fictional district council of "Swafford 4". The team was made up of senior accountant Paul Griffin, principal risk officer Pam Pursley, contracts and performance officer Nathan Johnson, senior bridge engineer Paul Nation, and senior planning policy officer Guy Robinson, all of whom are participating in Somerset County Council's "Future Managers Programme", a training programme to prepare staff for senior management.

Mr Griffin was awarded the prize for Best Chief Executive Officer thanks to his fantastic leadership of his team during the day.

During the day's scenarios "Swafford 4" briefed a fictional UKIP leader, held meetings with potential partners and presented to a Scrutiny Committee measures to cut costs, support growth and innovate through partnership working. The day culminated for them with the



AWARD WINNER: Somerset County Council senior accountant Paul Griffin receives his award for Best Chief Executive Officer

submission of their recovery plan, summarising key messages in a readable format with pictures and a map of Swafford depicting plans for agreed investment in road infrastructure, coastal regeneration and an enterprise zone.

Local authorities are expected to develop innovative partnership solutions to both save money and deliver better local services. This challenge was about attendees experiencing partnership working under pressure.

Leader of the council, Councillor John Osman, said: "I am delighted that the first Local Authority Challenge – South West was such a success and would like to congratulate Paul Griffin for his impressive contribution."

"Although the scenarios and roles played during the event were fictional this has been a fantastic opportunity for our staff members from a variety of areas and backgrounds to showcase their unique skills and talents, while learning invaluable tools for partnership working that could prove essential for the future."

Fore Street eyesore converted into 'exceptional' affordable housing

A FORMER working men's club in Chard has been renovated into a five new one and two bedroom apartments.

The iconic building, which was dubbed an eyesore after being left empty for a period of time, is located in the heart of Chard town centre on Fore Street and has now been transformed into apartments by affordable housing provider Stonewater, creating much needed affordable housing in the area.

The re-development was carried out under the Empty Homes Programme with Stonewater securing grant funding from the Homes and Communities Agency and South Somerset District Council for the scheme.

The club's old signage and flagpole have been donated by the housing organisation to Chard Museum, which in return has provided Stonewater with old photographs of the building and high street which have been printed on large acoustic panels and hung in the building.

A further four houses are to be built at the rear of the building, which will provide even more new and much-needed affordable housing in the town. There are currently 269 new affordable homes in the pipeline to be built in South Somerset.

Councillor Ric Pallister, leader of South Somerset District Council and portfolio holder for Strategic Housing, said: "Bringing this prominent local eyesore back into use eluded everyone year on year as its condition deteriorated at the very gateway to Chard's high street. Eventually, Stonewater rose to the challenge and took on the risk in partnership with the district council. The result has been a total transformation both inside and out.

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"The quality of the new accommodation, skilfully blended into the historic building, is exceptional and everyone involved can be justifiably proud of the outcome. For individuals and families moving in it already looks and feels like a home with imaginative finishing touches that have really raised the bar and set a new accommodation standard.

"This has been a fantastic team effort in saving a building and creating new homes of the highest quality for Chard residents and I could not be more pleased with the outcome."

This latest town centre housing scheme in Chard follows a development of 56 affordable new homes for low-cost rent and shared ownership which Stonewater completed at the end of last year in Great Western Road.

The company currently has 885 properties in South Somerset and around 100 more under development.

"We are thrilled to have worked with South Somerset District Council to convert this iconic building in Chard High Street into high quality new homes for affordable rent," says Jonathan Layzell, Stonewater assistant director of development.

"The scheme strikes the perfect balance of providing truly affordable homes for local people without losing the character and historic significance of the existing buildings that give Chard its charm.

"We hope our new residents will really enjoy living in these smart new apartments and their fantastic

central location in the town. We're also looking forward to continuing our successful partnership with the council and delivering more high-quality affordable housing where it's most needed in the district."

Over the past two years, South Somerset District Council and Stonewater - formed this year after Jephson and Raglan merged - have delivered more

Fire crews tackle blaze at Tatworth pub

FIREFIGHTERS from Devon, Somerset and Dorset stations were called to tackle a blaze at Ye Olde Poppe Inn, Tatworth.

One person needed treatment by ambulance personnel for what was believed to be shock and minor burns.

The alarm was raised just after 7pm on Saturday, December 5th.

Fire appliances from Chard, Axminster and Ilminster were mobilized straight away.

A spokesperson for the fire and rescue service said: "The first appliance informed fire control this was a thatched property and requested a greater attendance due to the likelihood of fire spread.

"Further appliances were mobilised from Colyton, Taunton, Honiton and a further appliance was requested from Charmouth station.

"Fire control then made strategic cover moves across the two counties to ensure a continuing high level of fire cover."

There was a fire in the first floor of the restaurant but the officer in charge established that the origin

than 100 new homes in the district.

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of the fire was actually the ground floor of the property.

The spokesperson added: "Further specialist vehicles such as the incident command vehicle from Honiton and the Incident Support Unit from Yeovil were also utilised.

"Colleagues from Avon and Somerset Police attended to assist with traffic control while the fire service worked with other agencies such as power companies, water suppliers and the Environment Agency.

"An ambulance was requested for a member of the public who may have been suffering from shock and minor burns."

The fire was out just after 10pm, and the spokesperson said: "The incident commander confirmed the fire was out and most likely caused by an electrical fault.

"There was moderate damage to the building from smoke and fire."

Pulman's View From Chard has sought comment from pub management.

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Santa drops into school fair



FATHER Christmas took time out of his busy schedule to visit all the children at Chard School's fair on Saturday, November 29th. At the fair, organised by the Friends of Chard School, there were Christmas stalls, a raffle, tombola, bacon rolls, mulled wine, mince pies and family games. Pupils also performed seasonal carols and music to get everyone into the festive spirit.

Chard School pupils to become space biologists

CHARD School pupils are preparing to become space biologists and embark on a voyage of discovery by growing seeds that have been into space.

In September, 2kg of rocket seeds were flown to the International Space Station (ISS) on Soyuz 44S where they will spend several months in microgravity before returning to Earth in March 2016.

The seeds have been sent as part of Rocket Science, an educational project launched by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and the UK Space Agency.

Chard School will be one of up to 10,000 schools to receive a packet of 100 seeds from space, which they will grow alongside

seeds that have not been to space and measure the differences over seven weeks. The children will not know which seed packet contains which seeds until all results have been collected by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and analysed by professional biostatisticians.

The out-of-this-world, nationwide science experiment will enable the children to think more about how we could preserve human life on another planet in the future, what astronauts need to survive long-term missions in space, and the difficulties surrounding growing fresh food in challenging climates.

A Chard School spokesman said: "We are very excited to be taking part in Rocket Science. This experiment is a fantastic

way of teaching our children to think more scientifically and share their findings with the whole school."

Rocket Science is just one educational project from a programme developed by the UK Space Agency to celebrate British ESA astronaut Tim Peake's Principia mission to the ISS and inspire young people to look into careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects, including horticulture.

Applications to take part in Rocket Science are still open and will close in March next year or until all packs have been allocated. Schools and educational groups can apply at rhs.org.uk/schoolgardening and you can also follow the project on Twitter @RHSSchools or by using #RocketScience



PUPILS at Chard School had a behind the scenes tour of the town's Numatic factory, the home of Henry and Hetty the vacuum cleaners. The children from Years 4, 5 and 6 were shown how mouldings are made from plastic pellets, how metal parts are stamped out with robotic lasers and the assembly lines where the final product is checked and packed for delivery to customers. Richard Lucas, head of science at Chard School, said: "Our thanks go to Numatic for the exciting and informative tour and for all the goodies we took away with us at the end."

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Dance studio hosts Christmas fair for Ribbon cancer charity

A CHRISTMAS craft fair in Chard was a big success for the Ribbon cancer support group.

The fair was held at the Kelly Leigh Dance Studio in Fore Street and there a number of stalls and refreshments for people to enjoy, while younger visitors were also able to meet the main man himself, Father Christmas.

Organisers would like to thank Kelly for al-

lowing them to hold the fair at the dance studio and just over £200 was raised.

The money will be shared between the three charities the Chard-based Ribbon cancer support, awareness and fundraising group supports – Breast Cancer Now, Cancer Research and Macmillan.

■ PICTURED right, Joss and Zoe George and Alison Linley, who sold mince pies



■ IN THE GROTT: Richard Stokes receives a present from santa and his elf



■ SELLING HER WARES: Jess Willams from Messy Thix, Axminster

Canine Partners talks to Rotary Club

MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Chard and their partners enjoyed an entertaining talk from Malcolm Wells MBE, who travels the country speaking on behalf of Canine Partners.

Canine Partners is a charity that helps transform the lives of people with disabilities by providing them with one of their assistance dogs.

The dogs, which are individually trained to meet each person's individual needs and disability, help their partners with everyday tasks such as

opening and shutting doors, loading, starting and unloading the washing machine, retrieving dropped items, activating button-controlled road crossings and fetching help in emergencies.

Malcolm explained how the dogs select their partners, and not the other way round, recounting the story of Graham, a former rugby player, who was determined that he was going to have



■ MAN'S BEST FRIEND: Pictured from left, Rotary president Robin Williams, Malcolm Wells MBE from Canine Partners, and Rotary past-president Eric Beckley

one of the black labradors that were available on his training course. When the dogs came in to the room, they all ignored Graham with the exception of one dog, a poodle named Noodle. Graham and Noodle are now the best of friends.

Malcolm had attended the meeting to thank the club for the donation of £750 that immediate past-president had made to Canine Partners during his time as president.

Chard photographer to have image on map cover

A CHARD Camera Club member will see his photograph on the front of the Taunton and Lyme Regis Ordinance Survey (OS) map. Jeffrey Hutson entered the photo competition and was told by OS that his image, pictured right, will feature on LRM 193 Taunton and Lyme Regis map. The new covers are already going to production and the new design should be rolled out to retailers and be available on the OS website from mid-February 2016.



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Christmas market this Saturday

AFTER the success of the Christmas market in Crewkerne last year, the town council are organising another to take place this Saturday, December 12th, in Market Square from 10am to 3pm.

There will be a number of stalls selling a range of Christmas gifts and products, including jewellery, Christmas decorations, gluten-free cakes, ceramics and stained glass, and hand-turned wood.

As well as the stalls, there will be takeaway food available throughout the day, including a hog roast, bacon rolls, mulled apple juice and more.

There are also plans for seasonal music to be played to add to the festive atmosphere.

For more information, contact Crewkerne Town Council on 01460 74001 or email town-council@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk

Church to host Midwinter Concert

THE annual Midwinter Concert which has become a landmark in Crewkerne's Christmas celebrations will take place on Friday, December 18th at 7.30pm.

Local singer songwriter, Reg Meuross, who continues to enjoy a national reputation, will be joined by acclaimed multi-instrumentalist, Phil Beer.

The concert is being promoted by the Friends of Crewkerne Parish Church and promises to be an evening of "high quality entertainment".

The Christmas Tree Festival will be also be taking place at the church, and there will be a bar, raffle and free mince pies each during the interval.

Tickets can be obtained from the Crewkerne Town Hall, or by phoning Geraldine Clotworthy on 01460 76058 or email geraldine@clotworthy.co.uk. Tickets cost £12 or £5 for under 14s.

**Schools compete in annual Technology Tournament**

ROTARY Clubs from Crewkerne, Chard and Ilminster joined forces at Wadham School this week to oversee the annual Technology Tournament, in which rival school pit their wits against each other to come up with solutions to a technical problem.

This year's challenge involved devising a way to get a load from one side of a river bank across to the other, and in the case of the intermediate teams, to find a way of dropping it at the other side.

This year 60 pupils from Swanmead, Bucklers Mead, Maiden Beech and Wadham took part in what was agreed by all to be an important and fun activity that helps to raise the profile of engineering in the area.

Crewkerne Rotary president, Peter Woodward, was joined by chief judge, Ilminster Rotarian Peter McKay, who is from Gooch & Housego, as the Wadham 3 team received their trophy.

President of the Rotary Club of Ilminster, Linda Piggott, was delighted to join her fellow Rotarians at the competition, and said: "This is the first time that I have been involved with this marvellous project, which was started some years ago, and where there is now more focus on local Rotary clubs working together to reach a wider audience within the community.

"There were several areas to be judged and I was thrilled to help out with judging the portfolios each team produced. These focused on the sharing of ideas, team work and overcoming the various problems they encountered in the process of devising and testing their end products.

"I certainly learnt a lot. This is one of the ways in which Rotarians can use their skills to motivate youngsters, and to get them thinking about their future careers."

Rotarians give tips on pupils' interview skills

ILMINSTER Rotarians and their friends and colleagues gathered at Wadham School this week for the first of several sessions, in which all Year 11 pupils are being put through their paces in practice interviews.

Chairman of the governors Stuart Shepherd, who is himself a Rotarian, said: "This is one of the most important things that our Rotary Club does. As many of these youngsters reach the end of their time at Wadham and start to think about their future careers it is really important that we help to prepare them for work.

"We have been doing this for

many years now, thanks to the close working relationship between Kathy Tremayne and Roy Pickett, and we have seen a high level of commitment by the school towards supporting this initiative.

"We use a team of business people who have the skills to ensure that the students experience what it is like to be in a real interview situation. In addition to asking and answering questions we also focus on helping them with their CVs, and other important factors such as their appearance and body language."

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Christmas fayre boosts funds for Misterton hall

THE annual Misterton Christmas Fayre was held on Saturday, November 21st at the WI Hall.

The kitchen reported serving a record number of homemade soups and sandwiches for lunch, while other attractions included a home craft and gift stall, the ever popular home bake stall, a tombola and a raffle.

All funds raised will go towards the upkeep of the WI Hall.

Misterton WI also recently held a fundraising stall at the "Lighting Up" event in Crewkerne and a Christmas bingo night to boost funds.

The ladies will enjoy a break before resuming their fundraising activities in the New Year.

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Carols and Classics concert expected to be another hit



■ **FESTIVE TUNES: Last year's concert was a sell-out success**

ALL Saints Church in Merriott will once again host its annual Carols and Classics concert.

The concert will be held in the 15th century candlelit church and will feature Fisher Sidfonia, a group consisting of young, talented, professional classical musicians.

The musicians regularly perform with major orchestras across the UK, such as London Symphony, Philharmonia, BBC Orchestra of Wales, The Halle, and Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and they use the occasion at Merriott to meet, entertain and enthral a wide audience from over a 30 mile radius.

The concert will be the 14th or-

ganised by violist Joseph Fisher, formerly from Merriott, who has amassed a significant following of appreciative classical music lovers to his concerts, raising funds for church and community related projects.

The Carols and Classics concert will be held on Saturday, December 19th and is expected to be another sell-out success. Mince pies and refreshments will be available before the concert from 7pm, with music starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 each, available from Osbornes Store, Broadway, Merriott, or contact 07870 404 631 or 01460 76360.

Santa Claus is coming to town!

THE Rotary Club of Crewkerne District members will be escorting Father Christmas around the town and surrounding areas on his sleigh during two weeks commencing Monday, December 7th.

Club PR and media officer Sandra Shore said: "All Santa's helpers will be wearing a Rotary hi-viz tabard and will be carrying identification so there should be no impostors from the North Pole."

"The Rotary Club would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year."

Club members and Santa will be visiting the following areas between 6.30pm and 8.30pm on the following days:

Monday 7th - Merriott; Tuesday 8th - Lang Road, Bushfield Road, Langmead Road; Wednesday 9th - Kingswood Road, Kit Hill, Park View; Monday 14th - Winyards View, South Street, Thompson Drive, Furland Road; Tuesday 15th - Fox Meadows, Ashlands Road, Oak Drive, Maple Drive; Wednesday 16th - Beechwood Drive, Bincombe Drive, Old Mill Lane, North Street, West Street, Lyewater.

Museum thanks volunteers

ABOUT 30 volunteers attended a "Thank You" lunch hosted by Chard & District Museum.

A museum spokesperson said: "Without the incredible work which the volunteers put in throughout the year, the museum would not be able to keep going."

"A huge thank you was given to all helpers, trustees and especially to David Ricketts who is standing down as chairman of the museum."

"If anyone is interested in helping the museum next year, please contact the museum directly and remember: the more the merrier."

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Big turnout for climate march

ILMINSTER residents produced a great turnout last week, as all ages joined together for a climate march.

Ilminster Climate March attracted people from Taunton, Yeovil and Bridport bringing colourful banners, placards and flags with their own personal messages. The focal point of the march was to cover a huge green heart with plastic bottle-tops for recycling, which took place inside the Minster due to high winds.

Ilminster's message joined over 2,000 others sent to the delegates in Paris at the start of the United Nations COP21, where tough decisions will be made to reduce carbon emissions.

A cycle march was also held in Chard for the same cause.

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Success for Neroche's young mathematicians

NEROCHE Primary School in Ilminster would like to congratulate its Maths Team, consisting of pupils George, Edward, Heidi and Harriet, who gave up their Saturday to represent their school in the Wellington School Maths Challenge.

Out of 50 schools competing, Neroche Primary's budding mathematicians came in third place. All of the team received their certificates and a complex

mathematical puzzle game to solve.

George said: "I can't believe out of 200 children we came third, the day was awesome!"

Headteacher Connel Boyle added: "I am so proud of our maths team, it is amazing how fast their recall of some very difficult maths equations actually is, this team is beginning the challenge their teachers with their speed!"

Campaign to Protect Rural England chair stands down

HENRY Best of Whitelackington, near Ilminster, stood down last week after seven years as chairman of the South Somerset district group of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).

Henry is a long standing member and trustee of the county branch of CPRE and has spearheaded the group's work to protect rural areas from inappropriate development. He represented CPRE throughout the long consultation process on the South Somerset Local Plan and he spoke at inspector's hearings to try to keep housing numbers down in the district.

Winner in 2013 of CPRE's Marsh Award for Outstanding Contribution to CPRE, Henry was presented with a card and flowers by other members of the South Somerset CPRE group at their recent meeting held in Queen Camel Memorial Hall to mark his retirement.

He will continue as a planning volunteer, looking out for significant planning applications in Area West.

The group appointed Nick Whitsun-Jones as new chairman of the group.

Nick, who lives in Yeovil, has been a

planning volunteer for several months with CPRE Somerset and brings a wealth of experience in planning and environmental law.

He said: "Henry has done a tremendous job as Chair of the group and will be a tough act to follow. South Somerset has a wealth of beautiful landscapes and good quality farmland and we are all lucky to live in such a beautiful place with great rural traditions.

"However, our countryside is under threat with the pressure to meet housing targets and economic development. CPRE volunteers try to balance these development pressures with the vital need to protect our landscapes and open spaces.

"We are always in need of new volunteers - not just people who can look at planning applications but also people who can help with publicity and promotion, organising and running events and meetings and fundraising. If you think you can help, please get in touch."

Anyone interested in joining or supporting CPRE South Somerset's work should visit www.cpresomerset.org.uk

Christmas Tree Festival returns to Minster

THE annual Ilminster Charity Christmas Tree Festival is back in town, with the show now open at the Minster Church.

Local organisations, individuals and families have sponsored different trees, which they erect and decorate themselves.

The festival, which is open from 9.15am to 6pm until Friday, December 11th and 9am to 4pm on Saturday, December 12th, is raising

money for the different charities the sponsors have nominated.

There will also be a Christmas fair at the Minster Church on Friday, December 11th from 6pm to 8pm, which will also include a demonstration of floral arrangements.

The planning and arranging of the event has been undertaken by a dedicated team of volunteers, lead by local parishioners Elizabeth Ferriss and Amanda Gould.

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It's hard not to love the stress free environment with their brand new Hydrotherapy Pool, designed to release tension and aid circulation, along with the inviting Sauna and Steam Rooms, the modern Gym is also open to the public.

Bookings are already being taken for The Beeches Restaurant, where Head Chef Luke

brings years of experience and flair; he and his team serve delicious, seasonal dishes, which celebrate this wonderful region.

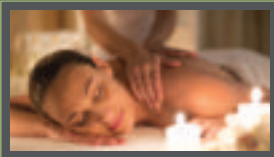
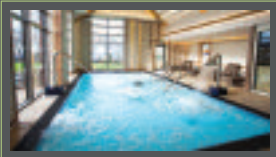
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Badgers 'will not be harmed' as council deals with Britten's Field sett

ILMINSTER Town Council has assured people that badgers living on Britten's Field will not be harmed as efforts are made to stop the animals from marauding under the playing area.

The council reported last week that the badgers had extended an established sett in Britten's Field and were encroaching into the playing field area and under access steps.

"This is causing a hazard for users of the recreation field and presents a health and safety issue which the town council must address," said a council spokesman.

"To minimise this problem work is being undertaken within the next week to inhibit further badger encroachment. This will involve digging a trench around part of the sett and installing a subterranean barrier.

"The work will be completed in accordance with a licence issued by Natural England and fully supervised by an experienced badger consultant.

"No badgers will be harmed although it is likely they will be disturbed, and a small part of the sett will be destroyed.

"The sett will otherwise not be disturbed and will be retained as a safe refuge for the badgers."

To help walkers in accessing Britten's Field at the lower end of the Incline, the town council is arranging to have some porous matting installed to provide a replacement route to the steps close to the badger sett.

If any member of the public has a concern, please contact the town council on 01460-52149 who can put you in direct contact with the badger consultant.

Rotary Club given talk on RNAS Yeovilton

THE Rotary Club of Ilminster welcomed RNAS Yeovilton's community relations officer, Jeremy Greenop, to speak at their recent meeting.

During his light hearted and entertaining talk, entitled "Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton Past, Present and Future", in which he light-heartedly ribbed rival service, the RAF, Jeremy spoke about the development of RNAS Yeovilton, its importance as the major employer in Somerset, with 4,400 employees, and the changes that are to take place in the future.

Jeremy (pictured right) joined the Royal Navy in 1969 as a warfare specialist, was selected for flying training in 1974 and awarded pilots Wings in 1975.

During his long standing career he has flown Wasp and Lynx helicopters operating from frigates and is also a qualified helicopter flying instructor. He commanded minesweeper HMS Soberton, and then a deep-sea trawler taken up from trade to operate as minesweeper HMS Northella in the Falklands conflict.

After several years, on-and-off, based at RNAS Portland where he commanded 829 Squadron, and a desk bound spell at the Ministry of Defence during the first Gulf War, Jeremy became Commander Air at RNAS Yeovilton.

He spent his last seven years in the Royal Navy on secondments to NATO staffs in Norfolk, Virginia and then Brussels.

After retiring in 2004 he worked as the UK's military representative to the EU dealing with security and defence policy in Brussels and became the community relations officer at RNAS Yeovilton in December 2011.



Animal sanctuary to expand headquarters

IN its 75th year of helping animals, local charity Ferne Animal Sanctuary, based in Wambrook, near Chard, is looking to improve and expand its current facilities. Plans to build four new buildings on the current site are shortly to be submitted to the district council for approval. These will include a new agricultural building and storage shed, both of which are urgently needed to house all the donations that the sanctuary receives from the general public.

In addition, the application will include plans for a new visitor centre, which will provide a much-needed meeting room and exhibition space.

The fourth building will be for a new cat special care unit for strays and nursing queens.

Elaine Hayes, CEO at Ferne Animal Sanctuary said: "It's hard to believe that the doors of the Sanctuary were opened 75 years ago; everyone here is very proud that we still continue to make a difference by helping animals and communities.

"Our plans for expansion are yet another very exciting time for all the staff, volunteers and supporters of Ferne.

"We will shortly be launching an appeal for the cat



■ THE proposed expansion will include a special care unit to help cats such as Riley, pictured with volunteer Alice Cannon

Special Care Unit as this will be a very expensive building, full of the latest technology. This new facility will enable us to look after the cats to the highest possible standards."

To find out more about Ferne Animal Sanctuary, its upcoming events and how to become a volunteer, visit www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org or call 01460 65214.

Santa to be special guest at family disco

SANTA is hoping to hit the back of the net with Ilminster Town Football Club later this month when he will be the star guest at a family Christmas disco.

The disco is being held at Ilminster Town FC at the Ilminster Recreation Ground off of Canal Way on Friday, December 18th from 6.30pm.

There will be mulled wine for the adults to enjoy and mince pies available.

But organisers have said that it is a ticket-only event for children as they need to know how many Christmas presents are needed by Santa for the night. Tickets cost £2 each and they are available from 07415 137 326 or 07568 166 272.

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Young library volunteers treated to day out at Wookey Hole after successful summer

YOUNG people from across Somerset who spent their summer volunteering in libraries celebrated their achievements recently at Wookey Hole Caves.

Following Somerset Libraries' successful Summer Reading Challenge, all 89 young people who had volunteered as part of the project were invited to spend the day at Wookey Hole Caves with their families and attend a celebratory event in the afternoon.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a nationwide event that takes place in libraries up and down the country, which encourages children to complete the challenge of reading six library books during the school summer holidays while collecting stickers. All children who participated in the challenge received a certificate and those who completed the challenge also received a unique reading challenge medal.

This year, Somerset libraries had 7,937 children take part in the "Record Breakers" themed Summer Reading Challenge and they were looked after by volunteers as well as paid library staff. Library staff were delighted by this increase in participation, especially as nationally many authorities saw a decrease in the number of children joining in.

The young volunteers helped out with the challenge by assisting children in choosing books, engaging with them about the books they had read and enjoyed, handing out the rewards of stickers, posters and medals, reading stories to the children and organising craft activities.

Councillor David Hall, Somerset County Council's cabinet member with responsibility for libraries, said: "I am delighted that we had so many young people come forward and offer up their time to participate in volunteering to encourage children to keep reading."



■ **CELEBRATION:** Young people who volunteered at Somerset libraries over the summer were treated to a day out at Wookey Hole

"These young people have selflessly given something back to the children within their community and no doubt inspired and encouraged them to do well in the Summer Reading Challenge. With over 7,937 children visiting Somerset's libraries to take part in the challenge it would have been a lot of work for our library staff to cope alone, so the volunteers were without a doubt an invaluable asset to them during the busy summer holiday period."

One of the young volunteers added: "Volunteering in my local library was amazing! Thank you Taunton staff for looking after me. I will definitely

do this next year."

One of the parents at the celebration event commented: "My daughter has really enjoyed her summer of volunteering. Her confidence in talking to people has really improved too."

Young volunteers contributed a total of 2,324 volunteer hours in Somerset's libraries across the summer months. The reasons they gave for wanting to volunteer ranged from wanting to improve their CVs, practise talking to people and boost confidence, to simply wanting something to do over the summer holidays.

Empty homes across South Somerset at an all-time low

THE number of empty homes across South Somerset is at an all-time low. As of October 2015 the number of long-term empty homes in South Somerset was 223, a reduction of 793 since 2012.

The figures have been released at the start of National Empty Homes Week, a national drive to highlight the waste of empty property nationwide, and to celebrate the success of numerous examples and new initiatives to bring empty homes back into use.

Properties become empty for a variety of reasons, including owners moving into nursing homes or other properties going into probate. In most cases, owners of empty properties do not want to leave them unoccupied as invariably they are a drain on their resources in terms of unwanted bills for repairs, Council Tax, insurance, utilities and lost rental income.

The vast majority of the remaining empty properties are actively being marketed for sale or let, or are in the process of being refurbished for reoccupation.

Working together with Somerset Care & Repair, which runs the district's empty property scheme, there has been more than 20 properties in South Somerset that have been bought back into use. These properties were in very poor condition and in most cases required more than £20,000 of work to bring them up to a rentable standard.

South Somerset District Council offers a range of help, advice and finan-

cial assistance to those who have an empty property or are struggling to know where to get help. If properties remain unoccupied due to a lack of funds for refurbishment works or difficulty letting, small grants may be able to help with making properties ready for reoccupation.

On occasions, properties are simply neglected, which can encourage issues like anti-social behaviour; they quickly fall into disrepair and gardens become overgrown causing a nuisance to neighbouring residents and affecting the value of neighbouring properties. This can sometimes result in enforcement action although we prefer to work with owners on a voluntary basis.

Councillor Ric Pallister, portfolio holder for housing at South Somerset District Council, said: "The empty property scheme is an extremely good opportunity for owners to bring them back into use, but also good news for those in desperate need of housing."

"The empty properties are permanently improved and the owners have a property which is no longer depreciating in value and complaints are no longer received from neighbours."

"The funds are limited but people need to know help is out there."

If you are the owner of an empty property and would like to discuss assistance available please contact South Somerset District Council's Empty Homes Officer Emma Baker on 01935 462433.



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Rotary 'this close' to eradicating polio

IT is perhaps not widely known that Rotary has played a leading role in helping to reduce polio worldwide by 99 per cent since its first project to vaccinate six million children in the Philippines in 1979.

Then, in 1985, Rotary launched an initiative called PolioPlus to free the entire world from polio, by the mass vaccination of children.

Many will remember family and friends stricken with this debilitating disease and the considerable life changes endured by its victims. At its height, polio had paralysed or killed up to half a million people a year before a vaccine was discovered in 1955. In 1961 an oral vaccine was invented and the UK launched the national immunisation programme in schools.

So where are we now? There have been no domestically acquired cases in the UK since 1982 and worldwide, there have been only 41 new polio cases so far this year. That's about one per week, down from 7,000 new cases per week in 1988 when Rotary was joined by the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, and the UK and US governments to formulate, fund and resource the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the largest public health initiative the world has ever known. Whilst polio had disappeared in the UK, US, Australia and much of Europe, by this time it remained prevalent in more than 125 countries.

Polio is a highly infectious viral disease which mainly affects young children causing spinal and respiratory paralysis; it can kill and remains incurable to this day. Polio is spread through contaminated water or food or by way of an infected person's saliva.

Whilst incurable, polio is completely vaccine-preventable. However, only once before had a major virus based illness been eliminated worldwide, that was smallpox in 1980.

The task, to reach an unparalleled number of the world's poorest and disadvantaged children, was considerable with many barriers, including cultural and religious resistance, geographic isolation, poor public infrastructure and all of the problems associated with identifying and tracking children in hostile war torn areas in Africa and Asia.

Funding has been, and still is, the greatest challenge, and is provided by many contributors, chief amongst which are Rotary International, including local clubs across East Devon and South Somerset, and the UK and US governments.

In 2008 The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation challenged Rotary to raise \$200 million in two years and promised to match it. Rotary succeeded, the Foundation matched the \$228million raised, and in 2013 agreed to match two for one every dollar raised by Rotarians up to \$35 million per year until 2018, a commitment of over \$500



million. Rotary is meeting this challenge!

Rotary is a voluntary, international service organisation comprising some 1.2 million members worldwide. Rotary has contributed more than £1billion (the largest private sector donor) and countless volunteer hours to immunise more than 2.5 billion children in 125 countries.

Rotarians from clubs around the world, including many from the UK, working alongside locals and UNICEF volunteers, continue to travel abroad to be involved in immunisation work and donate money to the PolioPlus program. Rotary has consistently fuelled the effort with resources, advocacy and genuine hard work on the ground, maintaining the dream of a polio-free world and bringing polio to the brink of eradication.

Their work has brought many additional benefits. The polio immunisation campaign has become a critical vehicle for delivering other health services to children. Vitamin A capsules are often given along with polio drops. In post-Taliban Afghanistan, polio vaccinators also supported the country's first birth registration campaign.

Health systems and facilities strengthened by polio eradication campaigns have been used to hold measles immunisation campaigns. Community education work funded by polio donors has boosted basic health and hygiene awareness in the world's poorest communities.

For as little as 40 pence, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life. But polio isn't yet beaten. Cases exist today in Afghanistan

and Pakistan and a recent outbreak in Ukraine has emphasised the need for continued vigilance, action and of course cash - through to 2018 some £3billion is needed for continued inoculation to guarantee elimination in Africa and Asia (scientists will certify eradication only after three clear years).

Recent cases have also highlighted the need for different injection based methods using dead poliovirus (rather than oral ones which use a weakened poliovirus).

Local Rotarian John Bartlett said: "We can't stop now, the last percent is always the toughest and if we don't finish the job polio could return with a vengeance. According to WHO more than 10 million children under the age of five could be paralysed by the disease in the next 40 years if we lower our guard.

"Will it all have been worth it? The full cost of eradication will likely reach around £10billion by 2018, the year that scientists believe that polio will finally be beaten.

"Millions of lives have been saved, millions more will not suffer the debilitating effects of this terrible disease, millions more will benefit from the related health programmes - the answer is, emphatically - YES!

"But it's no time for celebration yet! Rotary and its partners will continue to strive for a polio free world... we are now 'this close'!"

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Praise for long-serving care home staff



A CELEBRATION of long service was recently held at Burnworthy House to thank staff for their commitment and hard work.

A combined total of 95 years of service was celebrated at the event, with staff being presented with certificates and enjoying a delicious afternoon tea.

One staff member, Karen Brown, was presented with a bouquet of flowers and gift for achieving a fantastic 25 years service with Somerset Care.

Staff were joined by operations manager Sue Harvey, who spoke highly of all the staff and thanked them for their dedication and for making a difference to the lives of the residents at Burnworthy House. Sue also introduced Jackie Howells, who took over as manager at the South Petherton care home this week.

Somerset Care is one of the largest not-for-profit healthcare providers in Southern England. The company provides over 29,000 hours of community care every week of the year to people in their own homes and through their residential care services they operate 31 care homes which provide residential and nursing care for over 1,550 residents.

Pictured left, staff at Burnworthy House enjoying their long service celebration.

Somerset's adoption and fostering service wins prestigious award

A TEAM which recruits and trains foster carers in Somerset was recognised for its innovative and helpful approach at a highly prestigious national awards ceremony last week.

Somerset County Council's Foster and Adoption Recruitment Service beat off tough competition to make it to the awards evening and was recognised as runners up for the Recruitment and Professional Development Award for its hard work in this area.

Described as the "gold standard for everyone working with children, young people and families", the Children & Young People Now Awards are now in their tenth year. The prestigious awards ceremony has held at the Hurlingham Club in London and was hosted by CBeebies presenter Cerrie Burnell and the National Lottery's "Voice of the Balls", Alan Dedicoat.

All the shortlisted candidates were praised as being the "most hard working and committed professionals in the country."

The national recognition is important according to Trevor Goss, team manager for the Fostering and Adoption Recruitment service at Somerset County Council.

He said: "We are delighted that the hard work we have put in over the last few years has been recognised at these prestigious awards. However, what really matters is that children who cannot, for whatever reason, remain with their birth family, are more likely to be placed in good quality foster homes nearer to their schools and family as a result of the improving placement choices.

"Moreover much as we enjoyed attending these awards, the real heroes are those hundreds of people

who open their homes and their hearts to some of Somerset's most vulnerable young people. Our foster carers are the real heroes."

Between January and December 2014, a record high of 62 foster carers and 41 adoptive households were approved in Somerset. This came about by holding regular information events around the county, an easy-to-use website containing lots of helpful information, dedicated staff on the recruitment line, and going that extra mile throughout the approval process.

Councillor Frances Nicholson, Cabinet member for Children and Families at Somerset County Council, said: "This is brilliant news for the Service, which is committed to inspiring and encouraging more people in Somerset to embark on this vital role, but more importantly it is also brilliant news for those children

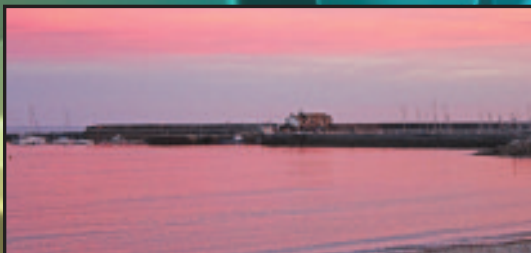
who cannot for whatever reason live with their families. The team have not only significantly increased approvals, but are recognised for their helpfulness, knowledge and 'can do' attitude. Well done to everyone involved.

"We continue to seek people with the space in their homes, and their lives, to foster a child of secondary school age, teenagers, and siblings, particularly those living in Somerset's main towns of Yeovil, Shepton Mallet, Frome, Bridgwater and Taunton. If you think you could give a young person much-needed support and guidance, please do get in touch."

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A SPECTACULAR New Year's Eve ball will donate all proceeds to the Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes, to raise money for the brave men and women who have served their country.

The gala, which will be hosted at Cranberries Luxury Hideaway, will include a charity auction, a two-course hot buffet and casino tables and tickets are now on sale for the event and can be bought from the Cranberries office. The event will also be providing two 16-seater minibuses to ferry people to and from the event, for reservations call 01297 33193.

Chairman of the Royal British Legion Kilminster Branch, Cdr Stafford Seward OBE RN Rtd, who is organising the event, has heaped praise on the hosts of the event.

"We would like to thank Cranberries for their incredible generosity in providing the venue and organising the event. We are hoping to raise lots of money for these two worthy causes so bring along your cheque book, because there are some fantastic prizes to be

won from the auction."

Donations from local businesses have been greatly received as well as a host of fantastic auction lots. Prizes include a spa day for two at Cranberries, tickets to watch Exeter Chiefs, a sausage making course donated by Complete Meats and a Mercedes CLK for five days including insurance courtesy of Mercedes Exeter. A full list of the auction prizes can be found at <http://cranberrieshideaway.co.uk> and if you can't make it to the gala you can still take part in the auction online.

Cdr Stafford added: "This promises to be an evening to remember, as well as an opportunity to raise money to support those who have given their everything to provide a safe and secure environment for us all. Of course it is also a great opportunity for the ladies to purchase a new dress and the gentlemen to acquire a new dinner suit or bow tie."

The evening will commence at 7pm with welcoming drinks, canapés and an opportunity to catch up with friends and other guests, thereafter, everyone will be seated for a two course hot buffet meal. After the meal everyone



■ COMMANDER Stafford Seward and Cranberries' Steve Litley promoting the New Year's Eve Ball

will have the opportunity to explore the dance floor and enjoy the music of 'Renegades' the live band for the evening. After a short break and a chance to refresh the charity auction will

start. At midnight guests will be invited outside for champagne and a fireworks display and the band will perform one last session before carriages at 1am.

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nately there is only 150 tickets so don't delay. All profits from the sale of tickets and the auction will be split 50/50 between the Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes.

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AXE VALLEY HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

INVITATION

OPEN DAYS AT THE MUSEUM

THURSDAY 10TH, FRIDAY 11TH & SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2015

Seaton Museum Open Days Thursday 10th, Friday 11th & Saturday 12th December 2015

The Axe Valley Heritage Museum belongs to that group of small museums which can be regarded as a small town phenomenon, the gath-



▲ Ted Gosling presents Edna Everitt a bouquet from The Association on the day of her Diamond Wedding

ering together of the local history of a community in a predominantly way.

It was thirty years ago this month that Seaton Councilor Ann Adams invited four people to form a museum in Seaton.

Roy Chapple with his local government knowledge was appointed chairman, Norman Whinfrey a national authority on prehistoric and Roman History became treasurer, Edna Everitt a lady so full of energy took on the task of forming a supportive friends association and local historian and West Country author Ted Gosling became curator and company secretary. Sadly three of these are no longer with us but Ted celebrates his 30 years as curator this month in the following year a committee was formed and we still have Geoff Marshall and Norman Owen the only survivors from the original committee. Since that date a virtual torrent of material has been gathered by a small voluntary group of local enthusiasts.

At the present time the museum holds over 50,000 items a third of which comes from the Ted Gosling collection this includes a small but valuable fossil collection. The other two main collections are the Norman Whinfrey Roman

collection and the Roy Chapple family tree records.

The museum will reopen for three days from Thursday 10th December and will all locals please note we do need your support; it is a case of use it or lose it. Do come along to meet our new chairman David Morling. Curator Ted Gosling with asst curator Helen Newbury Arshad will be present to answer and queries.

The temporary exhibition on show Disappearing Seaton will show how much we have lost during the past 120 years.

The museum does depend on a group of volunteers many who have passed away during the past year; help is wanted to keep the museum alive and open, contact Ted or committee members if you can help.



▲ 26/5/88 Seaton Museum Opening, Curator Mr Ted Gosling and wife Carol Gosling inspecting the local Chemist show case.



▲ The St Johns Ambulance men, seen here looking very smart, were attending the dedication of the first motor ambulance in Seaton, c. 1938. Originally a Chrysler car belonging to Dr James of the Ryalls Court School, it was given to the town and converted to an ambulance by A. Dowell & Sons, coach builders, of Exeter. Mr H.F. Norcombe, the war-time chairman of Seaton Council, is seen standing on the left, next to Harry Clapp. The three St Johns Ambulance men standing against the vehicle were, left to right: Mr Barr, Mr A. Gapper and Mr. C Minhinnett.



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Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!



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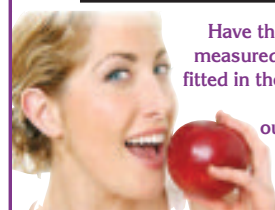
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Christmas pudding and cake quite often contain a high quantity of raisins, currants and sultanas which can be highly toxic to dogs. While some individual dogs may show no obvious clinical signs after ingestion it can take as little as 8 raisins to cause severe renal failure.

It may also go without saying, but alcohol and pets

don't mix. Alcohol toxicity can cause a dangerous drop in your pet's blood sugar levels, blood pressure and body temperature. Seasonally also watch out for antifreeze even small spills and empty bottles and cause lethal poisoning, especially in cats who are attracted to its sweet taste. Within 30 minutes animals can be vomiting and cause irreversible damage to kidneys usually resulting in euthanasia.

If you notice your pet has consumed any of your Christmas goodies please contact the hospital immediately on 01297 630500.

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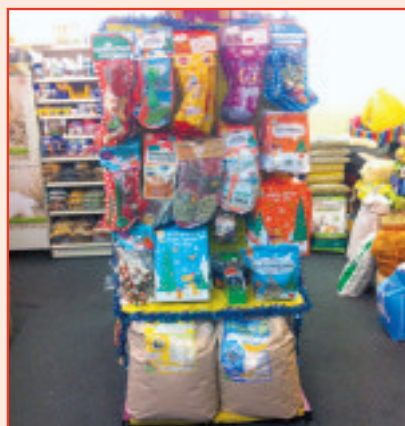
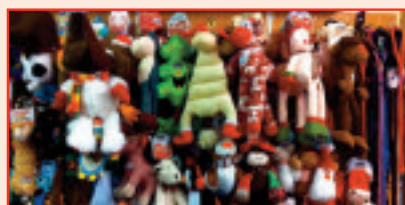
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What Christmas is complete without chocolate? Unfortunately many dogs, and sometimes cats, also believe this to be true! Chocolate can cause vomiting and diarrhoea and in larger doses, liver failure and can be fatal. The higher the cocoa content the more the risk, so keep those expensive dark chocolate truffles out of the way of any investigative hounds in the house! Be wary of chocolates on the tree and wrapped in presents within reach. Remember a small number of extra treats can lead to rapid weight gain which can take a long time to lose.

Dried fruit is also a risk to dogs and can cause renal failure so keep Christmas pudding, mince pies and Christmas cake away from low tables or other places your crafty hound may be able to get to.

For some of us, it can all get a bit much at these festive times. We may like our house being filled with family, friends and music but not all our pets do. For some, the bustle and noise can be very stressful. If you have a timid pet who enjoys the quiet, make sure there is somewhere peaceful that they can go to not be disturbed. They may prefer to have their food and litter tray in a hidden corner.

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HONITON: Christmas Tree Celebration, St Pauls Church, opens 10 am and late till 8 pm Refreshments all day Entry £2
FRIDAY DECEMBER 11TH

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Tom and Mike have duetted together on many occasions, each one generating a great audience reaction. Lots

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Tom "Spats" Langham started playing ukulele and banjo as a young boy, taught by his grandfather, until, at the age of fourteen he also took up guitar and began appearing with local bands in his hometown, Buxton, Derbyshire.

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SIDMOUTH: Market in the Methodist Hall, 9am-3pm.
CREWKERNE: Pioga over 50s (pilates and balance) at Henhayes Centre, 9.30am

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - lunch club, mid-day for 12.30pm start. All ages are welcome; very friendly atmosphere and good food. This will be a special Christmas meal, so please book in advance (by Tuesday 8th) by phoning 01460 77057. Further details also available on the same number.

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MUSBURY: Christmas Tree Festival. Daily 10.30 am - 4.30 pm. Come and visit our 'Winter Wonderland' in St Michael's Church Musbury - 25 decorated trees. Refreshments. Donations to Church funds welcome. Enquiries 01297 552440.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12TH
UPLYME: Ballroom, Latin and some Sequence dancing at Uplyme Village Hall, 8pm-10.30pm. Entry £4.50 per person, in aid of hall funds. For more details call 01297 442439.

SIDMOUTH: Ballroom & Sequence dancing at Stowford Centre (opposite Waitrose) with the Dancing Duo, from 8-11pm. £6. For more details call 01803 325905.

YARCOMBE: Yarcombe Market, 10am-12noon. Meat, cards, bric-a-brac, tea, coffee and cake, and much more.
HINTON ST GEORGE: Flicks in the Sticks presents 'Amelie' (cert 15) in the village hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance ONLY for this special evening from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.
CHARD: Chard Royal naval Association annual Christmas dinner and raffle at the Golden Fleece Perry Street at 7pm for 7.30pm. This will be the last event until the new year. Enquiries to join the association be made through contact with Mr Gary Pennells on 01460 77978
CHARD: Chard Camera Club Christmas dinner at the Ridgeway Inn, Smallridge Devon at 7pm for 7.30pm. This is the clubs last function till the new year. Enquiries of the club can be obtained from Mr Peter Partridge on 01460 66885.

HAWKCHURCH: Christmas Dance to Gen Gap at Hawkchurch Village Hall, from 7.30 pm. There will be a raffle and bar included. Tickets £10 to include supper from Brian and Anne Gibbins, 01297 678295

MERRIOTT: Bingo at Merriott social club, eyes down 7.30pm all welcome.
AXMINSTER: An Evening of Festive Music, with the Axe Valley Community Choir, directed by Edward Jacobs. 7 pm The Minster. Refreshments Served. Tickets £10 from Archway Bookshop, The Tourist Office and Dalwood Community Shop. All proceeds to Axminster Heritage and The Minster.

HONITON: Honiton 55+ Club Christmas Bazaar, 9.30am-1pm. See Santa free. Table for sellers available for £5. Friendly welcome and atmosphere always. For more details call 01404 43545.
HONITON: Christmas Tree Celebration, St Pauls Church opens 9.30 and open till 4pm Refreshments all day Entry £2

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13TH
SIDMOUTH: Pete Allen Jazz Band (Pete Allen, Andy Dickens, Bobby Fox, Dave Hanratty, Richie Bryant, James Clemas, and Dave Moorwood) at Kennaway House Cellar Bar, 3-5.30pm (doors 2pm.) Admission £13.50. Call 078999 25194 for more details.
COLYFORD: Indoor Boot Sale 9am-2pm at Colyford Memorial Hall. Call 01297 23591 to book - £5 per table.

HONITON: Christmas Tree Celebration opens mid-day till Closing Carol Service at 3pm Refreshments. Entry £2
HONITON: Carol Service at the Community Church at the Beehive Centre, Dowell Road, 6.30pm.
HONITON: Big Christmas Party at Family Church (Baptists Together), High Street, 10.30am.

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings - weekly listings without dates may not be published.

Make we Merry!

Seaton Choral Society Christmas Concert

SEATON CHORAL SOCIETY will present its Christmas concert at The Gateway, Seaton at 4pm on Sunday, December 13th, with doors opening at 3.30pm. It promises to be a joyful occasion!

The title "Make we Merry" comes from the words of one of the eight carols which form the framework for Geoffrey Bush's 'Christmas Cantata'. This is a delightful piece, featuring well-known tunes and words skilfully woven to create an original choral work. Central to it is a prolonged and exciting chorus 'Make we Merry' with some hair-raising passages of rhythmic and harmonic surprises – a challenge for any amateur choir! In contrast the surrounding sections re-create the mystery of Christ's birth in music of great tenderness and melodic beauty. A string quartet and oboe accompany.

The second half of the programme will feature 'Navidad Nuestra' – 'Our Nativity' – by the Argentinian composer Ariel Ramirez. Each scene of the Nativity is painted in simple words and given a Latin flavour with catchy, folk-like tunes and strong South American rhythms. Guitar and percussion will add colour to this charming, lively music.

The concert will end with a varied selection of carols. It will be conducted by Dr Peter Milmer, with soloists Susie Milmer and Leslie Baker. Tickets will cost £10 – (free for those eighteen and under) - from The Gateway Box Office, (Seaton Town Hall) Tel: 01297 625699. Please note the unusual starting time of 4pm, with doors opening at 3.30pm.

Wurlitzer's final show of 2015 is a hit

THE POPULAR and talented Matthew Bason returned to Beer on November 28th to entertain the audience to a fun afternoon of popular music. As well as playing show tunes on the Beer Wurlitzer, he also played jazz on the piano, lively tunes on the accordion and showcased his powerful voice with renditions from *Oklahoma* and *Les Miserables*.

Matthew is a regular guest organist at Beer and commented "how great it is to perform for such a large and appreciative audience" and complimented Glen and the team for all the work they do. The Friends of the Beer Wurlitzer are delighted that 2015 has been the most successful year ever with a big increase in audience numbers and top organists keen to make their way to Beer to play on this unique Wurlitzer, the oldest in the UK.

March 12th is the



Matthew Bason

first date to put in your 2016 diary when Andrew Nix will be the guest organist. Shows are held at the Congregational Church, Fore Street, Beer, EX12 3JQ - admittance is £7.00 on the door which includes interval refreshments, children under 16 are free.

For further information phone 01297 24892 or visit www.beerwurlitzer.org.uk.

Rock on with Nik Ryan at the White Hart



GUITARIST and vocalist Nik Ryan will be playing at the White Hart in Wilmington on Friday, December 11th, covering some of the very best guitar based rock and pop covers from the last four decades.

Nik is one of the most popular guitar vocalists on the south west music scene incorporating su-

perb playing with a great sense of humour, as he rocks his way through the show getting the audience on their feet as well as tearing it up on the guitar.

All eras of guitar driven rock and pop are covered in the evenings entertainment giving fans of all ages the chance to experience a dynamic night

out with songs from Queen, Bryan Adams, The Eagles, U2 and the Beatles, amongst others.

He has been featured in Guitarist magazine and regularly plays festivals and venues in Europe and the U.S.A with his band The ZZ Tops.

Don't miss a great night out Nik starts at 8.30pm and entry is free.

Honiton 55 Centre

HONITON 55+ Centre, at St Michael's Centre, Orchard Way, is now open Mondays, Thursday, and Fridays from 9am to 4pm for half or full day care, as well as the very popular lunch club.

The club will be running a Christmas Bazaar and Auction on Saturday, December 12th from 9.30am-1pm. There will also be a cake competition on the day, as well as festive stalls, entertainment and refreshments. The charity auction will be for two tickets to see Exeter Chiefs v Ospreys at Sandy park on Saturday, January 23rd.

Christmas lunches are available at the club on Monday 14th, Thursday 17th and Friday 18th at 12.30pm each day. The lunches are open to all, and include a two course festive meal. Booking is essential, and there will be entertainment each day. All proceeds from these events go to the honiton 55+ club

To book or for more details call Jean on 01404 43545, or email honiton55@bt-connect.com

Youth group's Showcase

HONITON Players Youth Group will be performing their 'Showcase' this Saturday, December 12th.

All those pictured below, aged 9 to 14, are taking part in the Showcase, an evening of family entertainment.

The Showcase event takes place at Mackarness Hall, Honiton at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 (under 16s free), from the Honiton Toy Shop or on the door



Honiton Players Youth Group Showcase

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER

7.30 p.m. Mackarness Hall, Honiton
Adults £5 | Under 16 Free
Tickets from The Honiton Toy Shop or on the door

Take a ride on The Polar Express!

THE POLAR EXPRESS™ is coming to Seaton Tramway on selected dates through December! Families will enjoy the magical tram ride to Santa's home at the North Pole in one of the specially decorated single deck tramcars, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, a delicious treat, speak to Santa and admire the awesome lights of the North Pole.

Children will also receive the first gift of Christmas from Santa himself. Upon the return journey you will be able to enjoy singing along to Christmas carols. For the grown-up kids too, this is a trip down memory lane to a traditional Christmas of old.

There are only a limited number of seats on our snug single deck tramcars for The Polar Express™. So, to avoid disappointment, please book your place by going online to www.tram.co.uk or telephoning 01297 20375 in advance. The Polar Express™ will be running December 4-6th, 11-13th & 18-24th.

To travel on a The Polar Express™ Tram Ride from Seaton Terminus, adult tickets are £19.95, Children (3 to 15 years) £15.95, and children under 3 years are FREE. The fare includes the return

tram ride, a hot chocolate and treat and the first gift of Christmas for children.

And at Christmas time, what better way to explore the Jurassic Coast at Seaton as well as the wintry scenes along the River Axe Estuary and Axe Estuary Wetlands with all the amazing wildlife to be seen, including deer, maybe even Rudolph!

If you fancy a bit of fresh air and time away from the TV, the Tramway will be open on Sunday, December 27th, and also on Friday, January 1st 2016 again, when we invite travellers to join us for a glass of bubbly for adults and a soft drink for children to celebrate the start of 2016.

All tickets and Loyalty Cards can be purchased at the Seaton Terminus and Colyton Station ticket offices or on line at: www.tram.co.uk.



Lions Club call in the Tank!

SEATON & District Lions Club present top comedian Tank Sherman at the Gateway, Seaton Town Hall.

Tank Sherman is one of the most well known, well loved and respected comics in the West Country and the UK. He will be appearing at the Gateway along with support act, Pure Crystal.

There will be a special appearance by Seaton Carnival Queen, Jenny

Weber who will be singing accompanied by her father Karl Weber. Jenny is raising funds for a charity activity visit to Borneo in 2017.

So book your seats at a table, bring your own snacks for a picnic and get ready for an enjoyable evening.

Tickets are £15 in advance from the Gateway Box Office telephone: 01297 625699

SEATON & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB PRESENT

AN EVENING WITH TANK SHERMAN

Special Guest Vocalist Jenny Weber

Saturday 19th December

at the Gateway, Seaton Town Hall

Tickets £15.00 in advance.

Doors Open 7.30pm

Dining out *in East Devon & South Somerset*

The Kingfisher Inn

Free House

Dolphin Street, Colyton



THANKFULLY a few proper old taverns still exist – and The Kingfisher in Colyton is among the very best of them.

The visitor looking for an unspoilt, traditional Devon pub where the hospitality is hearty need look no further than this 16th Century inn, easily found in the centre of the town. It's exactly like an old pub should be – traditional roasts on Sundays, meat raffles in the bar every Saturday, CAMRA-rated honest local ales, a beautiful beer garden and a rare place where you can still play skittles, darts and crib.

The Kingfisher is also the friendly home to great British pub grub – fish and chips that are said to be the best in the area, steak and kidney pie, chicken and leek pie, whitebait, stuffed mushrooms, baked salmon, sirloin steak, scampi, egg and chips and raspberry and

apple pie are among the choices that are all freshly-homemade and come in large portions.

It is a popular spot with walkers and rave reviews of the welcome at The Kingfisher have come from as far as California. Typical is the thumbs-up from a recent visitor from Birmingham, who wrote: "It's been a long time since we enjoyed a simple, well-cooked pub meal and this pub does the job. We had scampi, chips, peas and salad and ham, egg, chips and peas and our meals were thoroughly enjoyable. The food was well presented – no attempts to be a gastropub or anything fancy, just good, wholesome pub grub. We cleared our plates and we just wish that this pub was our local! We will definitely be back."

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Dining out *in East Devon & South Somerset*

The Kingfisher Inn

Free House

Dolphin Street, Colyton



Kingfisher Christmas Party Menu 2015

(For groups of 12 or more)

£19.00 per person

Home-made Tomato Soup
Avocado Pear and Prawns served in a Marie Rose Sauce, served with salad
Farmhouse Pate, served with brown toast
Creamy Garlic Mushrooms, Mushrooms sautéed in garlic butter, with cream.

Traditional Roast Christmas Turkey
Served with roast potatoes, sausage and bacon roll. Stuffing and Cranberry sauce and gravy
Tenderloin of Pork, with a brandy & mustard sauce
Served on a bed of mash potatoes
Baked Salmon, with a broccoli and stilton sauce
Served with new potatoes
Mushroom Stroganoff
Mushrooms sautéed with red onions, finished with a sauce of brandy, garlic, tomato and cream and served with rice
All main courses are served with a selection of local seasonal vegetables

Christmas Pudding, with a choice of pouring cream, brandy sauce or brandy butter

Chocolate Brownie, with a choice of pouring cream, ice cream or custard
Baileys Ice Cream Cheesecake
Cheeseboard (£1.50 extra)

Coffee & Mints



The White Hart Inn

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Christmas Menu

STARTERS...

Hearty Tomato, Red Pepper & Basil Soup
served with a crusty bread roll & butter
Festive Liver Pate
served with warm brown toast, butter
& our delicious chutney
North Atlantic Prawns
served with a Marie Rose sauce,
granary bread & butter
Pan Fried Creamy Garlic Mushrooms
smothered in a creamy garlic sauce,
served with crusty bread & butter

MAINS...

Traditional Roast Turkey
served with cranberry sauce, Yorkshire pudding, roast
potatoes, sage and onion stuffing
& chipolatas wrapped in bacon
Traditional Roast Pork
served with our homemade apple sauce,
Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & sage
and onion stuffing
Baked Salmon
served with new potatoes and a garlic, onion
& herbs sauce
Homemade Vegetable Lasagne
with vegetables & pasta, topped with mature English
cheddar & garlic bread

All of our mains come with fresh seasonal vegetables

DESSERTS...

Traditional Christmas Pudding
served with brandy sauce or cream
Homemade Sherry Trifle
with a wee kick!
Chocolate Yule Log
served with cream
Cheese Board
Trio of cheeses served with crackers, butter & a fruit garnish
All finished off with coffee or tea, and a mince pie
Festive décor and music all round. Christmas crackers too...

PRICES

Adults

1 Course £9.75 • 2 Course £13.75 • 3 Course £16.75

Kids (under 12)

1 Course £7.25 • 2 Course £11.25 • 3 Course £14.25

HOW TO BOOK

A non-refundable deposit of £5.00 per person will be
taken on all bookings,
a receipt will be issued and deducted from your final bill.
Bookings are essential!

**This Menu is available from
Monday 30, Nov - Wednesday 23, Dec 2015**

WHAT'S ON AT THE WHITE HART THIS CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve: open from noon, food served from noon
till 6pm. Santa will be here to see the kids at 5pm. Board
Games, Cards & Darts (7-10pm)

Christmas Day: open 11am-2pm, drinks only

Boxing Day: open from noon, food served from noon till
6pm. Quiz at 7pm.

New Year's Eve: open from noon. Food served from
noon till 6pm.

New Year's Eve: "Flower Power Party" fancy dress
and disco. Buffet will be served £6 for adults, £4 for
kids. Kids will receive their own party pack. Kids will be
entertained in the skittle alley.

New Year's Day: open from noon. Food served from
noon till 6pm.

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- ★ Christmas Raffle Draw 9pm
- ★ Christmas Day - Open for drinks 11:30 till 1:30
- ★ Boxing Day - Silly Sausage & Mash Menu
- ★ A large selection of flavoured sausages
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SUNDAY DEC 13TH – WEDNESDAY DEC 23RD
AXMOUTH: St Michael's Church Christmas Tree Festival open daily 11am–6pm (Sun 20th 11am–3pm). The theme this year "A Song for Christmas" Entry by donation to Friends of Axmouth Church.

MONDAY DECEMBER 14TH
AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall, doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.
MISTERTON: Bingo at the village hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.
HONITON: Honiton 55+ Club. Lunch club, 2 courses for £5. Mondays, Thursday and Fridays. All welcome at St Michael's Centre, Orchard Way (EX14 1HU). For more details call 01404 43545.
COMBE ST NICHOLAS: Combe St Nicholas History Group are having a talk by David Greenfield called 'Brunel in Somerset'. Especially of interest to all railway lovers about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the building of the railway through Somerset. 7.30pm in Combe St Nicholas Village Hall. Entry £2 for members, and £3 for visitors including seasonal refreshments.
SIDMOUTH: Folk Orchestra of East Devon Winter Concert at Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields, Temple Street, 8pm. Admission free, bucket collection for Music Room Restoration Fund.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15TH
CREWKERNE: Christmas Bingo at George Reynolds Sports Centre, doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.
AXMOUTH: St Michael's Church 12.30pm Colyton Grammar School Junior Choir preform a selection of Christmas Carols and Songs. Entry by donation to the Friends of Axmouth Church.
CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16TH
BEER: Jurassic Folk in the Function Room at the Dolphin Hotel, Beer, EX12 3EQ. Starts 8pm through to 10.30pm. For more details contact, Andrew 01404 46451 or Adrian 01404 549 903.
AXMINSTER: Coffee Afternoon and Cooking Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 2.30–4pm. At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@half.org.uk
CHARD: Rotary Club of Chard holding a Carols By Candlelight Service, in Chard Methodist Church, at 7.30pm. Admission free, but a collection for Chard & Crewkerne After-Stroke Group, and other rotary charities. Coffee and mince pies, afterwards.
COLYTON: Colyton Carnival Christmas Bingo. At Colyton Town Hall. Eyes down 8pm. Usual Christmas goodies and cash flyer.
CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre, cash prizes. Eyes down 2.30pm.
SIDMOUTH: Seasonal Sounds from the Talatones Handbell Choir and The Sidford Vocal Quartet, 2.30pm at Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields, Temple Street. Free admission, bucket collection for Music Room Restoration Fund

WEDNESDAY DEC 16TH – SATURDAY DEC 19TH
CREWKERNE: Christmas Tree Festival will be held in St. Bartholomew's Church, from 9.30am–5.30pm (Friday 18th till 4pm). Admission free, donations for church welcome. Refreshments available. Children's picture competition.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 17TH
AXMINSTER: Cook and Chat coffee morning and cooking demo. For Parents/Carers with children, by HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster 9.30–11am. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@half.org.uk.
HONITON: Honiton 55+ Club. Lunch club, 2 courses for £5. Mondays, Thursday and Fridays. All welcome at St Michael's Centre, Orchard Way (EX14 1HU). For more details call 01404 43545.
SIDMOUTH: Thursday Market in St Johns Hall, Blackmore Drive, 9am–3pm. Every Thursday until December 17th.
CREWKERNE: Pioga (pilates and balance) at Stav Martial Arts Centre, 7.45pm.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 18TH
CREWKERNE: Sequence Dance at the Victoria Hall. 1.45pm to 4pm. £2 p.p. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520
SEATON: Free Cooking Demonstrations For Heart & Diabetes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30–12.30. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking and covering nutritional advice for people with, or at risk of, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At The United Reformed Church Hall, Cross Street, Seaton EX12 2LH. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Chat, learn, eat. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information, email

ACCLAIMED as the finest purveyors of sea songs and sea shanties in the world, The Kimber's Men are stars of Channel 4's Sunday Brunch, and they will be singing up a storm on The Marine Theatre Stage on Saturday, December 19th. Nothing beats the resonance of hearing a hearty group of male singers of this quality live. The group now comprise Joe Stead (Ship's Doctor), John Bromley (Ship's Cook), Neil Kimber (Bosun), Gareth Scott (Powder Monkey) and Michael Beeke (Stowaway). Michael plays the Northumbrian Pipes and has added a completely new dimension to the sound since joining the band three years ago. Comedy, unusual for shanty singers, make up a good part of the show. So be prepared to laugh. In John Bromley Kimber's Men boast the finest bass singer on the British folk scene today. Indeed it is likely you will get a rendition of 'Old Man River' at some point during the concert. The founder member, Joe Stead who is almost a legend in his own right actually met and sang with Paul Robeson and was a friend of Pete Seeger the legendary American singer who died recently. Pete wrote such classics as 'Where

have all the flowers gone' and 'If I had a hammer'. Joe has performed twice in concert in America with Pete, both in New York and for the Delaware River Valley Project in New Jersey when Neil Kimber accompanied him. Kimber's Men play on Saturday, December 19th, 7.30pm at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis. Tickets are £14.50, or concessions £12.50, a TheatreFriends discount is available, and LYT members can come for £1! / All Ages/ Running time: 90 minutes plus interval. To book tickets, contact TIC on 01297 442138 or visit the website at www.marinetheatre.com



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HONITON: Honiton 55+ Club. Lunch club, 2 courses for £5. Mondays, Thursday and Fridays. All welcome at St Michael's Centre, Orchard Way (EX14 1HU). For more details call 01404 43545.
SIDMOUTH: Market in the Methodist Hall, 9am–3pm.
HAWKCHURCH: Bingo at Hawkchurch Village Hall, to include Christmas Special and Children's Special. Draw, mince pies and cash prizes. Doors 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.
CREWKERNE: Pioga over 50s (pilates and balance) at Henhayes Centre, 9.30am
WHITELACKINGTON: Stanchester Quire Christmas Concert, 7.30pm at Whitelackington Church, £8 per ticket including refreshments. Tickets available from Minster Pharmacy in Ilminster. Any further questions please call 01460 54952.
AXMOUTH: St Michael's Church 7.30pm Axe Valley Community Choir Concert. Entry by Donation to Friends of Axmouth Church.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19TH
MERRIOTT: Carols & Classics 7. An evening of Festive arrangements and Classical Music by the Fisher Sinfonia (7th year). Musicians from UK Leading Orchestras at All Saints Church Merriott (TA165PS). 7pm. Mince Pies & Refreshments 7.30pm Concert. £8 ticket Reserve to avoid disappointment on 01460 76360. Church Fabric Fund.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20TH
SIDMOUTH: Ballroom & sequence dancing hosted by Jean & David raising funds for ShelterBox. £3 each. Licensed Cafe open for light refreshments. At Stowford Centre EX10 9YL. 2.30–5pm.
SIDMOUTH: ShelterBox Tea Dance at Stowford Centre. 2.30pm. Ballroom & Sequence dancing hosted by Jean and David (01395 579856). £3 per dancer, licensed cafe open for light refreshments.
HONITON: Carols by Candlelight at Evangelical Congregational Church, High Street, 6pm.
HONITON: Carols Service at Methodist Church, Chapel Street, off New Street, 10.30am.

MONDAY DECEMBER 21ST
AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall, doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.
CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness December Meeting. Guest Speaker: Jennifer Gauld on 'Ghost Busting'. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel Crewkerne. 7pm – 9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (includes Festive Refreshments) Festive Draw with lovely prizes. Please bring plate of food to share. Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019

TUESDAY DECEMBER 22ND
CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 23RD
CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre, cash prizes. Eyes down 2.30pm.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24TH
CREWKERNE: John De Barra live at the King William.
HONITON: Crib Service in the Church of England St Paul's, High Street, 11am.
HONITON: Carols (10.30pm), Christmas Eucharist (11pm) at Church of England St Paul's, High Street.
HONITON: Carol Service with Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, 8pm.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25TH
HONITON: Holy Communion (traditional) at 8am, and Christmas Eucharist at 9.30am, at Church of England St Paul's, High Street.
HONITON: Short Celebration Service at Community Church at the Beehive Centre, Dowell Road, 10am.
HONITON: Family Service at Evangelical Congregational Church, High Street, 10.30am.
HONITON: Christmas Family Service led by Mr John Firth, at Family Church (Baptists Together), High Street, 10.30am.
HONITON: Christmas Day Family Service led by minister Rev Jonathan Froggatt at Methodist Church, Chapel Street, off New Street, 10.30am.
HONITON: Christmas Day Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, 11am.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 26TH
HONITON: Boxing Day Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, 9.30am.

FRIDAY JANUARY 1ST
CREWKERNE: Yeovil Car Club New Year's Day Classic Car Meet, Haselbury Mill, TA 18 7 NY 10am – 2pm No pre booking, £2 per car. Hog roast and licensed bar. Up to 150 Classics expected (no modern saloons please). Details www.yeovilcarclub.com or 01297 552267.

Pulman's Property View

5 TIPS FOR SELLING YOUR HOUSE

1. IT'S said that neutral decor sells homes and,

By Julia Gray, Press Association

of course, it does. It's tough to be offended by neutral colours, and then if buyers want to inject colour and pattern, it's not hard to do so. Neutral doesn't, by any means, have to be bland and boring though - it's all about how you put the look together with accessories, flooring and furniture. Neutral colours, especially white, also help to make rooms feel lighter, brighter and more spacious. The Dulux Light + Space Matt range (from £20.99 for 2.5ltr, www.dulux.co.uk) has the same intention. These neutral and pastel colours use light-reflective particles to bounce light around, and work especially well in gloomy, north-facing rooms.

2. IT'S easy to live with unfinished DIY jobs, but once you've decided to put your home on the market, dodgy DIY is a big no-no. It can put buyers off and make them think they'll need to spend more time and money finishing the work than they necessarily will. If you can't do the jobs yourself, get a pro in - it will be money well spent. Even if you've finished the DIY, you need to keep on top of it because things deteriorate. Common problems include marks on walls, hair-line cracks that keep opening and chipped wood-

work. Things like this make your home look

shabby, so going from room to room with a fresh eye and putting right the problems is worth the effort.

3. IT'S also worth scrutinising the outside of your home. Exterior maintenance is easy to overlook, but it's something a buyer's surveyor will pick up on, so it's worth pre-empting any remedial work, as it could save you time, money and hassle. Not maintaining the exterior can also lead to problems inside, such as damp caused by missing or slipped roof tiles, or faulty guttering. And don't forget kerb appeal - making a good first impression from outside your home is essential. Inside, a neat and tidy hallway also creates a good first impression - ensure there's enough storage for coats, shoes and scarves, etc, preferably out of sight.

4. GIVING your home a really good clean - and cleaning, airing and tidying it before every viewing - is a must. If you have masses of personal items on display, consider packing them away. While making your home look too sterile won't help sell it, a cluttered home will put buyers off. Remember, they may look in cupboards and

wardrobes, so stuffing these full of things isn't the answer because it shows you don't have enough storage space. Instead, create more storage, preferably built-in or in the loft or garden, or get the stuff out of your home and into a storage unit.

5. MAKE the most of the space you have - put a dining table in the kitchen (as long as it isn't a squeeze) to turn it into a kitchen-diner, and put the biggest bed you can comfortably fit in each bedroom. If you have a study or home office and the room would be more valuable as a bedroom, swap the desk for a bed, at least while you sell. The trick is to make your home easy for buyers to imagine as their home, and to move on emotionally so you can move on physically.

HOW-TO-TIP: Worklights are invaluable when the days are shorter, but they're really bright and can cause you to see imperfections you wouldn't normally see in either daylight or artificial light (depending on the type of artificial light in the room). This can mean you end up doing more work than you need to, if, for example, you're filling walls and woodwork. Directing the light away from where you're working helps, so you benefit from the light but it's not directly illuminating what you're working on. Worklights are also brilliant for drying things quickly, including paint and filler, and give off a surprising amount of heat, so they can be used to warm up a room in preparation for painting. Paint shouldn't be applied in temperatures below 10°C.



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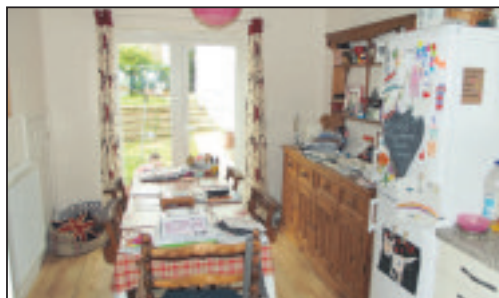
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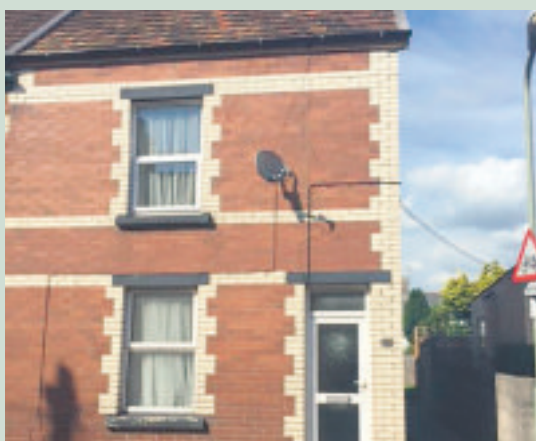


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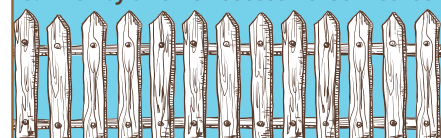
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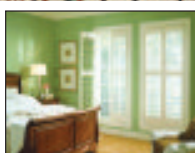
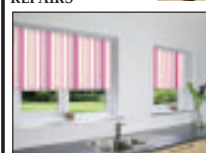


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New Vitara S added to range

JUST eight months after the successful UK launch of the new Vitara, Suzuki is introducing the S model in January 2016 which provides a more sporting and dynamic character to the Vitara line up. Vitara has already proved to be a very popular model in the range with over 5,000 units sold to date.

Specification Highlights

A full standard equipment table for the new S model is listed at the end of this release. The new S has a unique specification that provides a visual difference to other models in the Vitara range.

Standard equipment for all Vitara models in the range is comprehensive and includes seven airbags, alloy wheels, DAB Radio with USB and Bluetooth connectivity, cruise control with speed limiter, auto air conditioning and front and rear electric windows.

The S model is equipped with 17-inch Gloss black alloy wheels, unique grille design, satin silver door mirrors, LED Headlamps with red projector covers, rear upper spoiler and black side body mouldings. For the interior the sporting theme continues with red interior stitching, red accents for air conditioning vent and instruments and aluminium alloy pedals.

Vitara S is available in the following colours:

- Bright Red (solid colour)
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BOOSTERJET Engine

The new S model is the first Suzuki to be launched that utilises the new BOOSTERJET technology engine which in Vitara is a 140PS 1.4-litre Direct Injection turbocharged unit (DITC). This new engine has compact dimensions and offers 220Nm of torque available from just 1,500rpm through to 4,000rpm.

The BOOSTERJET engine is a newly developed Suzuki unit that is characterised by improved fuel efficiency and driving pleasure that has been made possible by using a small displacement, high torque turbocharger. By controlling the wastegate valve, which closes to create higher boost pressure during heavy load operation and remains open during normal driving, the system reduces pumping loss, thus achieving high levels of both power and fuel efficiency.

During development, Suzuki's engineers virtually eliminated the typical delay in turbo power delivery or 'lag' by installing the specially developed compact turbo charger attached directly to the cylinder head as well as incorporating the exhaust manifold into the cylinder head casting. This design ensures optimum gas flow with minimal heat loss through to the turbo unit. The turbocharger has a boost pressure of 1.1 Bar.

Historically, power and torque delivery from a turbocharged engine would not have been available until much higher engine speeds, offering less flexibility to the driver.

The 1.4-litre engine offers strong benefits in performance too with a 0-62mph acceleration time of 10.2 seconds for both manual

and automatic transmissions and a maximum speed, where permitted, of 124mph.

A six-speed manual transmission is fitted as standard for the new 1.4-litre BOOSTERJET engine with optimised gear ratios to help provide a good combination of performance and fuel economy. Additional measures include a shift lever counterweight to help provide a smooth, positive shift action.

A six-speed automatic transmission is available optionally which has a wide gear ratio range to permit precise driver control and help provide quick response at low vehicle speeds (for instance, when pulling away from standstill or driving slowly uphill). The transmission has an expanded lockup range to promote good acceleration, high fuel economy and low levels of NVH. Additionally, a manual mode is fitted to enable the driver to change gear using shift paddles behind the steering wheel.

CO2 emissions

The Vitara's CO2 emissions are low thanks to the use of high tensile steel and other weight saving measures in the body. This has resulted in the Vitara being one of the lightest SUV's in its class at just 1,210 kg for the new S model with manual transmission.

An Engine Auto Stop Start system is also used which shuts down the engine when stationary.

Four-wheel drive is typically seen as detrimental to fuel economy and emissions performance. By contrast, Suzuki's ALLGRIP system enables CO2 emissions that are remarkably low for a four-wheel drive SUV.



▲ The new Suzuki Vitara S

CO2 emissions for the new S model with its standard ALLGRIP system and manual transmission is 127g/km and just one gram higher for the optional automatic transmission.

Suzuki evolved its renowned four wheel drive technologies into a new generation that delivers driving pleasure and peace of mind in diverse conditions while promoting economy and limiting the burden four wheel drive cars place on the environment.

Suzuki's ALLGRIP system is fitted as standard on the new S model. It has four driver-selectable modes for safe, enjoyable driving on diverse surfaces. ALLGRIP debuted in the S-Cross model in 2013 and has since proved very successful. During development, the Vitara ALLGRIP system was enhanced by the addition of a feed forward function that allocates torque to the rear wheels before any slippage can occur. The system has four driver-selectable modes

which are Auto, Sport, Snow and Lock.

On conventional full time 4WD vehicles, feedback control allocates torque to the rear wheels after detecting front wheel drive slippage.

On Vitara, as well as offering feedback control it also offers feed forward control that anticipates slippage based on road surface, throttle opening position, steering angle and other factors. In summary, rather than reacting after grip is lost, it controls the vehicle to prevent grip from being lost which results in greater stability.

The Vitara is rated one of Europe's safest cars according to independent crash testing results from Euro NCAP, and received the maximum 5-star rating. Vitara was also the first compact SUV to earn five stars in the more rigorous 2015 Euro NCAP testing programme which reinforces the exemplary level of safety of the model.

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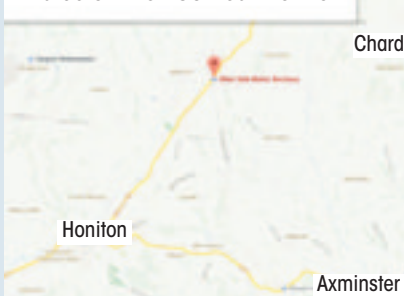
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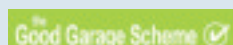


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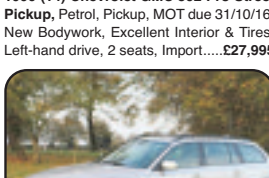
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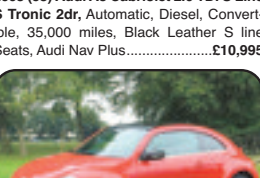

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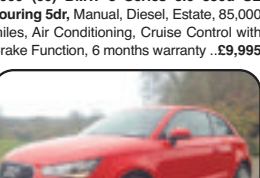

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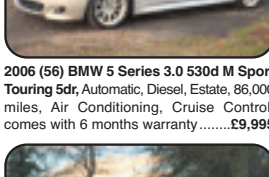

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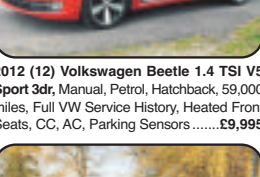

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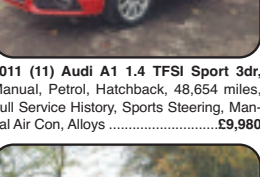

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THE SSANGYONG Tivoli petrol was launched into the compact SUV sector in May this year, followed a few months later by an all-new 1.6 litre Euro 6 diesel engine available across the range. Now the company is adding 4x4, making it one of very few four-wheel drive cars available in this segment of the market. "Tivoli is really helping to put SsangYong on the map," says Paul Williams, CEO of SsangYong Motor UK. "We are delighted with the reception the car has received from our customers as well as the media, who recognise the real step-change that has taken place."

"It is being recognised for its style, safety and equipment, interior space and finish, but especially its value for money and industry leading warranty, and now with the launch of Tivoli 4x4 we have another opportunity to extend this appeal even further."

Diesel power

Powered by the newly developed e-XDi160 Euro 6 diesel engine which produces 115ps/3,400 - 4,000rpm max power with 300Nm/1,500 - 2,500rpm and delivers a smooth, progressive and powerful driving experience, it offers optimised performance for both urban and motorway driving with excellent NVH (noise, vibration & harshness) characteristics.

The 1.6 litre diesel engine achieves a CO2 emission level of just 113g/km (2-wheel drive, manual transmission), and 123g/km with the four-wheel drive manual.

The fifth generation E-VGT turbocharger on the e-XDi160 diesel engine maximises performance especially in the mid-low speed range so it is fun and responsive to drive. Two transmissions are offered, a 6-speed manual and Aisin 6-speed automatic.

In terms of economy, the Tivoli diesel 4x4 achieves up to 60.1mpg on the Combined Cycle with manual transmission, and 47.9mpg for the automatic.

Four wheel drive performance

SsangYong is Korea's specialist 4x4 and SUV manufacturer, and the design and engineering on the Tivoli 4x4 draws on the

company's highly regarded 4-wheel drive technology and years of experience.

Tivoli employs an intelligent and advanced all-wheel drive torque on demand system that senses the road surface and driving conditions, and distributes the power to the wheels that need it most.

Under normal driving conditions, 100 per cent of the engine's torque is delivered to the front wheels so that the car runs with optimised fuel efficiency. On icy or slippery roads or when driving on wet off-road conditions, power is distributed to both the front and rear wheels to ensure a safe, stable and dependable drive. The technology operates to give a smooth and safe departure when driving away from a standstill on a steep slope, while a lock mode distributes power equally between the front and rear wheels at speeds below 25mph to optimise traction.

With a ground clearance of 167mm, an approach angle of 20.5 degrees, 28.0 degree departure angle and a ramp angle of 17 degrees, the new Tivoli is a highly capable off-roader.

In conjunction with the standard electronic stability program (ESP) with hydraulic brake assist and 4-channel anti-lock braking system (ABS), the four-wheel drive system provides the best possible grip and control whatever the conditions. Hill start assist (HSA) and active roll-over protection (ARP) also feature.

The Tivoli 4x4 also features multi-link rear suspension for a comfortable drive on the road, and increased wheel articulation for optimum grip off-road.



▲ SsangYong Tivoli 4x4

Young, male drivers still risking their lives and others by drink driving

WHILE crashes caused by drink drivers are continuing to fall slightly, some drivers are still not getting the message about the dangers, especially men in their 20s who are still the most prolific offenders.

The number of crashes, where at least one driver was over the limit, dropped by 930 between 2010 and 2013 (6620 in 2010 and 5690 in 2013) but the number of people killed in that kind of crash has remained at around the same level - 240 per year since 2010.

Almost 13 per cent of men aged between 20 and 29, who were breathalysed after a crash in 2014, were over the legal drink drive limit and another 5 per cent had some alcohol in their system.

On average almost 26 people are killed or seriously injured in drink drive crashes per week in Great Britain.

That means, between now and 25th December, another 66 people could end up opening presents in hospital beds, or simply not all after being involved in a drink drive crash.

The safest thing to do, is not to drink any alcohol at all if you are planning to get behind the wheel of a car or on a motorbike. This is why Brake, the road safety charity is calling for a zero tolerance approach to alcohol and driving.

Gary Rae, director of communications and campaigns for Brake, the road safety charity, said:

"Drink and drug driving remains one of the biggest causes of devastating road crashes; often young and inexperienced drivers and passengers are involved and frequently they are the tragic victims. We must continue to send a clear message to all drivers, but especially young men, that drink-driving and driving is a lethal cocktail. It's shocking to

see how many crashes, many involving deaths and serious injuries, have involved men in their twenties. We are calling on the UK government to introduce a zero-tolerance drink drive limit"

Brake has produced a free interactive e-learning resource to bust myths around drink and drug driving

and convey the horrendous risks, particularly geared at young people.

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Robins still in leading pack – Tigers caned by Students – Blues bow out of cup

Saturday, December 5th

CHARD TOWN 3 BISHOPS SUTTON 1
Toolstation Div One – att; 62

CHARD Town took advantage of the strong wind blowing down the Zembard Lane slope in the first half to open the scoring after just four minutes when Braeden Symes scored following pressure on visitors' defence and an assist by new boy Luke Woodland.

A second goal came on 10 minutes when Andrew Butler headed in powerfully from a perfect corner by Andy Martin.

Chard created further chances with an Ed Butcher shot hitting the post midway through the half and then had effort tipped around the post by Bishops' keeper George Dempsey.

But The Robins weren't to be denied a deserved third and Symes netted his second a minute before the interval.

In the second half Chard had the best of the chances early on but it was Bishop Sutton, after putting together several good moves, who scored with a goal from Harry Neil just after the hour mark.

Chard were awarded a penalty in the 75th minute when Butcher was brought down but Martin's spot kick was well saved by Dempsey.

A further foul on Butcher just outside the box late in the game saw a red card for a Bishop Sutton defender.

Next Saturday Chard, still sitting pretty in third spot in the table, head north to take on CORSHAM TOWN at their South Bank Ground.

SW Peninsula League D1 (E)

EXETER UNIVERSITY 4 AXMINSTER TOWN 1
AXMINSTER knew they would need to be at their best to gain something against a team who narrowly lost out to against Premier Division leaders St. Austell the previous week.

Conditions were bad, extremely windy and heavy under foot.

After some close efforts early on Axminster took the lead when Luke Finn opened his account for club latching on to a through ball and placing it beyond the advancing goalkeeper.

Entering the last 15 minutes, the Tigers looked solid and capable of holding their advantage.

Unfortunately this all changed when Ben Clay was shown a second yellow card and sent off after upending an opposing striker in the area.

This frustrated The Tigers as the hosts centre back had received just a few words from the official in identical circumstances.

The resultant penalty was struck wide of the target but any thoughts of a victory quickly evaporated.

Uni were gifted an equaliser when a shot squirmed past keeper Scott Wells-Burr.

This led to a total capitulation by

Axminster who made many errors which were punished by an eager University team who added three more goals in quick succession.

Somerset League Division One (W)

ILMINSTER TOWN 1 WATCHET TOWN 4

Somerset League Cup

IT was a case of third time not so lucky as Ilminster bowed out of the League Cup beaten 4-1 by Premier Division outfit Watchet Town in a fixture that had been postponed two weeks in a row.

The visitors took the lead in the first half with a fine long range strike.

Ilminster were however looking good but just failed with their final ball and Watchet struck again before half-time.

Two more goals after the interval put the game well beyond the Blues before Jon May netted a consolation 10 minutes from time.

Ilminster now have no scheduled fixtures before Boxing days much-anticipated local derby at Combe.

After weekend off Combe are set to entertain struggling St George Easton in Gordano on Saturday (2pm ko).

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CHARD TOWN RESERVES 2

Premier Division

AN own goal and a James Boyland strike saw Chard Town Reserves come from behind to record their third successive draw from their trip to lowly Willard Rovers Reserves.

The own goal levelled things up early in the second half but the hosts raised the lead in the 70th minute.

But Boyland popped up 10 minutes from time to find the top corner with scorching drive.

"Poor 1st half, really good 2nd half, – the story of our season," said Chard boss Stu Parris.

SILVERTON 2 ILMINSTER TOWN RESERVES 2

Division Six

A DOUBLE from Liam Ryall earned Ilminster Town Reserves a useful point in their bid to beat back-to-back relegations in the Devon & Exeter League.

Fellow strugglers Silverton took the lead in the 15th minute only for Ryall to turn things around with goals in quick succession.

The killer third wouldn't come for the Blues and the hosts salvaged a point with a counter-attack strike in the second-half.

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

RESULTS – Saturday, Dec 5th

CHALLENGE CUP R1

CHARD United and Barrington were both handed free passage into the quarter-finals when scheduled opponents Lyme Bantams and Crewkerne Town failed to raise teams.

COMBE RESEVES 1 WINSHAM UTD 3

THERE was a flutter of cards between these two teams for the second time in seven days.

Over worked referee Len Wilcox sent four players off for an early shower as the card tally rose to 20 yellows and seven reds over the two matches.

The league game between the two at Bakers Field last week ended with Combe heading home with all three points after a 2-1 win.

Saturday's game saw the outcome reversed with the Winsh gaining revenge and a home quarter final against Shepton Beauchamp.

A powerful run and finish from Warren Gabbidon gave the visitors a 1-0 lead at half – with both teams reduced to 10 men after Combe's Dan Rodber received two yellows cards and was soon followed by sibling Steve, in the Winsh line-up, who was red-carded for elbowing.

Ian Hilton made it 2-0 from the penalty spot. Combe responded and pulled one back through Oli Hine before Winsham player-manager Tom Stead ensured his team's passage into the last eight with a third for the visitors.

Both team finished the game with nine men after Tom Symes (Combe) and Tony Harwood (Winsham) were both shown two yellow cards apiece.

FORTON RANGERS 1 PERRY STREET 6

KICKING with the fierce wind Perry Street led 3-0 at the interval with strikes from Steve Every, a scorcher from Callum Machattie and Dan Collins following good work from Jay Stewart.

It could have been more but for a string of fine saves from Forton keeper Adam Smith.

Despite having the elements in their favour after the turnaround the expected Forton fight back never materialised and Josh Chadwick helped himself to a second-half hat-trick for the Mothers with one coming from the penalty spot.

Andy Stevenson netted for the Rangers.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 4 NETHERBURY 3

SHEPTON Beauchamp survived a gutsy fightback from the west Dorset visitors to edge through to the last eight.

The hosts led twice before but were pegged on both occasion as the sides went into the break all square at 2-2.

Shepton finally took control at 4-2 before the Ambers grabbed a third which made for a tense closing few minutes.

Dan Smith, back as the Shepton spearhead, scored twice with Adam Dawe and Jamie Spurdle bagging the others.

Ryan Gay, Richard Pincombe and

Ryan Gall scored the visitors' consolations.

Quarter-final draw

(ties scheduled for January 23rd)
Beaminster v West & Middle Chinnock
Winsham Utd v Shepton Beauchamp
Barrington v South Petherton
Perry Street v Chard United

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP R2

BARRINGTON RESERVES 2 MISTERTON 3

MISTERTON scored three times in the last ten minutes to come from behind and squeeze past Barrington Reserves up at Shelway Lane.

A blunder by keeper David Turner handed the hosts slender half time lead thanks to a goal from Curt Scadden. This was doubled by Nick Aggus in the 80th minute and Missy appeared to be on their way out despite being on top for large parts of the match.

But their fortunes turned. Scott Jennings volleyed home from the edge of the box and an OG to square things up. There was still time for Scott Barry to score the winner with a fizzing low drive into the corner.

Missy assistant manger Paul McCormack said: "It appears like a smash and grab but after being on top all game it was a relief."

"After losing to Drimpton and Waytown recently I thought it was going to be the same story of controlling games but not finishing them off. We have to cut out these defensive mistakes because going forward we are a real force".

REG EGLON CUP R1

COMBEST NICHOLAS B 3 UPLYPE RES 1

GOALS from Neil Reid, Steve Chadwick and Graham Cleal saw Combe B emerge victorious in the preliminary round of the nine-team Reg Egdon Cup.

BILL BAILEY CUP R1

CHARMOUTH 4 HALSTOCK 3

HALSTOCK were left the rue a string of missed chances as they crashed out at Barrs Lane. They led 1-0 at the interval but the hosts squeezed home.

Mark Whitmarsh, Chris Kirk and Neil Netted for the visitors.

PREMIER

BEAMINSTER 3 WEST & MIDDLE CHINNOCK 1

BEAMINSTER took advantage of being the only member of the leading pack in league action by extending the lead at the top to six points.

An Alf Ward goal was all that the hosts had to show for their efforts at half-time although a hatful of chances had been squandered.

Charlie Gay equalised for the Chinnos after the turnaround but Beaminster clinched their eight league win a row with goals from Dan Baggs, his 12th of the season, and Owen Ward.

With the season heading into its second half Beaminster hopes of a second

league title, and their first for 36 years, remains on track.

Others scores;

DIVISION ONE: Crewkerne Rangers 0 Combe A 4 (J.Board 2, C.Chico, W.Long), Ilminster Town Colts 1 (S.Hawes) Thorncombe 1 (A.Allen), Uplympe 4 Beaminster Res 3.

DIVISION TWO: Chard Rangers 6 (K.Cavanagh 2, C.Whittingham 2, K.Bird, K.Fletcher) Hinton 2 (R.Jewell 2), Merriott Rovers 7 (D.Rudge 2, J.Steer 2, A.Cooper, M.Browncey, OG) Merriott Dynamos 0, South Petherton Reserves 7 (J.Rees 5, D.Kadir, M.Darby) Farway United 1 (L.Couch), Thorncombe Res 1 Shepton Beau Res 3 (Bred Pitman 2, S.Lock), Winsham Utd Res 3 (R.Long, B.Smith, T.Thorne) Chard Utd Res 0.

DIVISION THREE: Drimpton Res 1 (P.Jeanes) Ilminster Town A 3 (D.Beer, R.Belton, M.Belton), Netherbury Res 2 (A.Goodrick, C.Morgan) Chard Utd All Stars 1 (C.Medland).

FIXTURES

Saturday, December 12th

DORSET MINOR CUP QF (1.30ko)

Corfe Castle Res v CHARMOUTH

TOMMY TABBERER CUP R1 (2pm)

Chard Utd Res v Chard Rangers
Combe B v Shepton Beauchamp Res
Merriott Dynamos v Kingsbury Episc
Thorncombe Res v Merriott Rovers

BILL BAILEY CUP R1 (2pm)

Crewk Rangers Res v Perry Street Res
Drimpton Res v Fivehead
Ilminster Town A v Chard Utd AS
Uplympe Res v Netherbury Res

PREMIER (2pm)

Crewkerne Town v Netherbury
Forton Rangers v Chard Utd
Lyme Regis Bantams v Beaminster
Perry Street v Shepton Beauchamp
South Petherton v Combe Reserves
W & M Chinnock v Barrington

DIVISION ONE

Barrington Res v Crewkerne Rangers
Beaminster Res v Ilminster Town Colts
Hawkechurch Utd v Combe A
Misterton v Drimpton
Pymore v Uplympe
Waytown Hounds v Thorncombe

DIVISION TWO

Hinton v South Petherton Reserves
Winsham Utd Res v Farway Utd

DIVISION THREE

Dowlsh & Don v Chard Rangers Res
Halstock v Farway Utd Reserves

motor sport rallying



◆ **SHINING BRIGHT:** Local rally driver Bill Paynter and co-driver Andy Hollingham in their Hilka sponsored Peugeot 106 competing last weekend at the Regency Stages Rally held at the Bath & West Showground

boxing chard, ilminster & district club

Busy weekend for youngsters

THE weekend of the 21st and 22nd November was a busy time for the young members of Chard, Ilminster & District Amateur Boxing Club, with four fights in 24 hours.

On Saturday, Shane Hughes and Spencer Ayers travelled to Yate ABC for skills bouts. Both dominated their bouts, showcasing skilful footwork and technique.

The following day travel Aidee Chislet opened the show

at the Frome ABC Boxing Show with his first skills bout. Aidee rose to the occasion with a powerful performance.

Then came the turn of Hughes for his second bout of the weekend.

Fighting a young boxer from Devonport ABC, Shane produced a great performance putting up a strong fight for the three rounds but ultimately lost by a unanimous points decision.



◆ **SECONDS OUT:** Aidee Chislett and Shane Hughes

six-a-side football

Lokomotive steam on up

Axminster Leisure Leagues

LOKOMOTIV Sneaky Russians are making their move for the title in the Axminster League and sit second after a 12-0 thumping of Ramos Army with Rob Lacombe in MoM form.

The defeat sees the Army sink to the bottom of the table, with the Tools moving up a spot despite losing 2-1 to 2 Goals/Klopp.

Defences were very much on top elsewhere and there were two 0-0 draws.

The most important of these saw Lads On Toure consolidate their position at the top of the table against Pinkpanthers AFC.

It was a very similar story in Division On, with a pair of 0-0s – one of which saw Stop The Bus lose ground at the top.

Tekkerslovakia beat Millwey Maddos 3-0 in something of a derby match, but it was Six Off who really gave notice of intent, seeing off Jurassic Coast Athletic 9-0 as Mike Pike dived into the goals.

Anyone who wants to join the leagues in Axminster can ring 0333 123 2340 or visit <http://www.leisure-leagues.net/uk/england/devon-and-cornwall/axminster-wednesday.aspx>

Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Lads on Toure	6	23	11
Lokomotiv SR	6	16	7
Rapid V	6	6	7
Two goals/Klopp	6	-1	7
Pinkpanthers AFC	6	11	5
Tugas Team	6	6	5
Ramos Army	6	-27	2
The Tools	6	-34	2

Division One	Pld	GD	Pts
Tekkerslovakia	6	15	12
Stop the Bus	6	9	10
Six Offenders	6	8	6
Uplyme & Sink	6	3	6
Millwey Maddos	6	-2	6
Valareal	6	0	5
CarehomesSW	6	-12	2
Jurassic Coast Ath	6	-21	1

netball

honiton

Tyres deflated

Division One;

Hi Q 42 JD Tyres 6, Otters 43 Sidmouth TC 24.

Division One	Pld	GD	Pts
Hi Q	8	186	24
Otters	8	126	22
Flamingos	6	154	18
Uplowman	6	100	16
Sidmouth TC	7	-71	9
Signs South West	7	-110	5
Tip Top Trees	7	-126	5
JD Tyres	7	-259	0

DIVISION TWO

Howden Hawks 22 Otter Valley 23, Pixies 19 Blackdown Ladies 19, Sidmouth Toucans 18 F & P Panthers 22, Beer Blazers 11 Swagermamas 21.

Division Two	Pld	GD	Pts
F & P Panthers	9	149	27
Howden Hawks	8	72	20
Sidmouth Touc	8	28	16
Otter Valley	8	33	15
Pixies	7	-24	12
Blackdown Ladies	8	-58	11
Swagermamas	8	-84	10
Beer Blazers	7	-116	0*

◆ See more on our website www.axminster-today.com

starter's orders running news

AVR trio reign in Otterton 'Deer run

HONITON RC

with Judy Davey

SIX Honiton runners braved strong winds to take part in last Saturday's OTTERTON REINDEER RUN organised by Sidmouth Running Club.

Starting at Otterton church the race made its way along lanes and muddy fields. However there were breathtaking views across Lyme Bay before the runners headed back towards Otterton along the River Otter.

Howard Bidmead and Roger Saunders ran the first part of the race together before Howard pulled away and finished strongly coming in 31st in 47 minutes 35 seconds. Roger was not far behind in 44th place in a time of 50.54.

Linda Pike came next in 87th place 56.10. Wendy Williams 154th 1.05.54. Rachael Handmipsa 162nd in 1.07.03. Nicola Greenland 169th in 1.09.09 and Teresa Pollard in 170th place in 1.19.10.

The race was won by Graham Hill from Sidmouth in 39.20. There were 211 finishers.

AXE VALLEY RUNNERS

with Dave Mutter

THE FULL MONTY CUTE 10.5 mile race is well known on the circuit for being a seriously challenging off road race, with 10 hills in total, one of which actually requires a guide rope to pull yourself up!

Last Sunday there was an AVR triple, with James Green 1:14:57 and Amy Greenhalgh 1:23:27 winning first male and female respectively and Eleanor Wood 1:37:58

pelting around bagging the over 55 vet prize yet again.

James overtook the leading group around mile six. Matt Clist came in fourth 1:19:01, after an unfortunate detour at mile five, with the time it took him to re-join the course route costing him enough time to put him out of contention.

First lady was Amy Greenhalgh who lead from the off, beating last year's winner by a good five minutes.

John Greenhalgh knows the course well, having run it six times before, and finished in 1:53:59.

John Lacombe also had a strong race completing in 1:58:58. To cap a fine day AVR won the mixed team trophy with James, Matt, Amy and Eleanor.

The Smith family have been busy in the last week.

On Thursday Caitlin Smith entered the East Devon v Exeter junior girls race with her school at Okehampton and won her race.

On Saturday her school travelled to Bedford to run in the English Schools Cross Country Cup National Final.

Caitlin finished 11th out of 145 in the Junior Girls race and the Colyton team finished 9th out of 25 schools.

Then finally on Sunday she ran in the Devon Cross Country Championships at Exeter and finished 3rd in the U13 girls race.

Molly Smith also ran in the Devon Cross Country Championships at Exeter on Sunday and finished 5th in the U15 girls race.

Meanwhile, Jake Smith ran for his



◆ WELL DONE: Eleanor Wood, Amy Greenhalgh, Matt Clist and James Green collect the team award at the Monty Cute.

College in the East Devon v Exeter senior boys race at Okehampton and won his race.

Jake also ran in the Devon Cross Country Championships at Exeter and finished 13th in the men's race - he was the first or second U20 finisher (results not yet out).

CHARD ROAD RUNNERS

with Paul Masters

THE winds blew in busy weekend for Chard Road Runners.

Out first, with an early morning start on Saturday, was Paul Masters with a trip down to LULWORTH COVE Dorset.

With the breeze picking up the pre-race briefing of "Keep Back from the cliffs" it was with some trepidation that the 200+ runners set off up the hill out of Lulworth Cove.

Masters made steady progress through the field but with the winds picking up Paul was blown backward whilst trying to run down hill!

Paul managed a very credible 39/210 finishing in 5:15:59.



◆ GREAT YEAR: Chard Road Runners pictured at their annual awards evening held at Chard Cricket Club at the weekend.

jack high bowls round-up

HONITON with Julie Grant

FOUR Honiton bowlers helped Devon Ladies to victory over Somerset in the national inter-county knock-out ATHERLEY TROPHY.

Carole Binmore, Sue Evans, Julie Grant & Rosemary Hiron played at Donyatt last Sunday with Devon victorious by 120 to 94.

In mixed friendlies the combination of Carol Armitage and Jimmy Smith achieved top rink in two wins, as did Ted Cox in a 100-64 win against TAUNTON DEANE where the top rink was Ted Cox, John Munslow, Carol Armitage & Jimmy Smith 38-8.

Carol and Jimmy combined with June Lee and J Mabbott to be top rink in Honiton's 93-60 victory over FENITON.

Another success came against BUDLEIGH 75-36, top rink Les Crook, Joan Mackintosh, Ted Cox & Dulcie Broughton 31-11.

MERRIOTT SMBC

with Anne Weeks

MERRIOTT had another busy week with a 14-12 win over Trull in the Milford & Dormer League.

On Saturday two teams participated in the Taunton Deane Charity tournament at Donyatt. This event raises money for the Children's Hospice and huge support was evident from the number of teams taking part.

Both Merriott teams performed well progressing further than they had ever done before.

Team 1 comprised John and Christine Bedford with Anne Weeks as Skip. John and Christine have only been playing for a few months but Anne was very proud of the way they bowled enabling Team 1 to go through to the knockout games for the main trophy before being knocked out.

Team 2 comprised Ian Glasson and Patrick Armstrong with John Lacey as Skip. They narrowly missed the chance to go further.

Merriott was also very pleased to be joined by their youngest member, Jack Bradley, who was playing with one of the Somerset Youth teams and has been asked to attend trials to be held at Donyatt next weekend.

AXMINSTER with David Harris

THE Ladies narrowly lost their County 'Lanes' match 57-66 against TORQUAY UNITED despite an excellent win by the home rink of Barbara Mowatt, Daphne Ryan & Margaret Crompton (16-10) - the away rinks of Jan Parsons, Jean Kesterton & Judith Moffitt and Joan Quick, Phil White & Ann Clayton were unlucky to lose by one and four shots respectively.

In the mixed friendlies we lost 56-71 at TAUNTON DEANE with

a winning rink of Malcolm Denslow, Brian Cursley, Sid Milburn & Derek Pheby (23-16).

We then had an excellent 55-49 win at MADEIRA with wins for Malcolm Denslow, Neil Solomon, John Hill & Brian Clark (22-13) and Phil White, Ken Quick, Jean Kesterton & Derek Pheby (16-13).

Next up we had an excellent 73-41 home win over DONYATT with wins on all rinks - Pam Hunter, Ann Clayton & George Mabon (29-9), Sue Stevenson, Keith Stevenson, Malcolm Denslow & Margaret Crompton (23-17) and Alan Foster, David Harris, John Hill & Derek Pheby (21-15).

Our final match was a 48-61 away defeat at TAUNTON BC with only Daphne Ryan, Keith Stevenson, David Harris & Derek Pheby managing a win (21-15).

Meanwhile JAMES WINDSOR (16) was narrowly knocked out of National Under-18 KO Competition in the second round by an excellent young Yeovil bowler.

CHARD with Sandra Sumpter

IN the East Devon League Chard won at COMBE ST NICHOLAS by six games to two and 57 points to 48.

In the MILFORD & DORMOR League unbeaten Harlequins beat Trull 12-11, Greyhounds went down heavily 23-6 against

Musbury and Canaries defeated Hurricanes 16-11.

The two matches played on December 3rd saw identical 14-12 wins for Hurricanes over Musbury and Canaries over Trull while Harlequins pulled away at the top of the table by beating Greyhounds 22-11.

ILMINSTER with Des Maull

ANGIE Thompson, having passed her International Technical Official exam, has been selected to as one of the 33 umpires at the World Championships in New Zealand in November 2016.

On Sunday Ilminster were at home to Clevedon in the National Top Club - a five-rink mixed competition with one point for each winning rink. Ilminster lost by three rinks to two.

Details: Ladies two wood singles, Heather Grinter 20-11; Men's Two Wood singles, Tony Peterson 10-18; Four wood Mixed Pairs Angie Thompson & Bev Brister 17-13;

Mixed Triples, Dot Whelan, Kevin Hamilton & Paul Denslow 17-20; Mixed Fours, Jill Parker, Maureen Mitchell, Jason Miles & Will Anderson 16-30.



darts round-up

COLYTON & DISTRICT

RESULTS (1001/PAIRS FIRST):

Week 8: Seaton Saints 1(0) Seaton FC A 4(6).

Week 9: Seaton FC A 5(4) Vault 0(2); PJs 4(6) Seaton Saints 1(0); Beer Club B 3(4) Colcombe C 2(2); Kingfisher B 2(1) Kingfisher A 3(5); Kings Arms B 1(2) Seaton FC B 4(4).

Week 10: Vault 0(2) Seaton FC B 5(4); Kingfisher A 3(4) Golden Hind 2(2); Colcombe C 3(2) Kingfisher B 2(4); Seaton Saints 0(0) Beer Club B 5(6) (default win); Seaton FC A 5(5) PJs 0(1).

7-dart leg: Vinnie Sweeny (Vault).

8-dart leg: Mark Fisher (Seaton FC A).

Highest Makeout: 122 Alex Anning (Seaton FC A).

180s: Pete Letten (2) (Colcombe Castle), Vinnie Sweeny (Vault), Steve Hayes (Seaton FC B).

1001/Pairs	Pld	Pts	Singles	Pld	Pts
Seaton FC A	9	41	Seaton FC A	9	43
Seaton FC B	10	41	Seaton FC B	10	41
PJs	9	30	Kingfisher A	9	35
Beer Club B	9	26	Kings Arms B	9	34
Kingfisher A	9	24	Beer Club B	9	28
Kings Arms B	9	20	PJs	9	28
Golden Hind	9	19	Golden Hind	9	27
Vault	9	18	Vault	9	22
Colcombe C	9	13	Kingfisher B	9	21
Kingfisher B	9	10	Colcombe C	9	14
Seaton Saints	9	8	Seaton Saints	9	7

cribbage round up

LYME REGIS

Results - November 30th:

New Inn Kilm B 0 Gerrard Arms 5, Old Inn Kilm 1 New Inn Kilm A 4, Royal Oak 0

Ship Inn LR 5, Nags Head 3

Axminster Inn 2, Talbot Arms 4 Steps 0, Axminster Con Club 1 Lamb Swans 2.

Fixtures (December 14th);

Axminster Innv Old Inn Kilm, Steps v Royal Oak, Lamb Swans v Nags Head, Beer Club v Talbot Arms, Gerrard Arms v Axminster Con Club, Ship Inn LR v New Inn Kilm A

Beer League: New Inn Kilm B 1 Gerrard Arms 2, Old Inn Kilm 2 New Inn Kilm A 1, Royal Oak 2 Ship

League table	Pld	Pts	Beer League	Pld	Pts
Gerrard Arms	12	39	New Inn Kilm A	12	21
Royal Oak	12	33	Royal Oak	12	21
New Inn Kilm A	12	32	Axminster Cons	11	20
Nags Head	12	31	Gerrard Arms	12	20
Beer Club	12	31	Talbot Arms	12	19
Steps	11	30	Lamb Swans	10	18
Axminster Cons	11	28	Nags Head	12	17
Lamb Swans	10	27	Steps	11	16
Ship Inn	10	26	New Inn Kilm B	12	16
Old Inn Kilm	10	25	Ship Inn LR	10	14
New Inn Kilm B	12	25	Axminster Inn	10	13
Talbot Arms	12	20	Beer Club	12	12
Axminster Inn	10	18	Old Inn Kilm	10	12

HONITON

Results; (Dec 3rd);

Blacksmith Arms 4 Honiton Inn B 4, Honiton Inn A 4

Thirsty Farmer 4, New Fountain 6 Workingmens B 2, Vine Inn B 3

Feniton Soc B 5, Workingmens A 5 Vine Inn A 3.

Captains Cup: Hedley Hawkins 0 Maureen Pendrick 1, Lionel Hawkins 1 Julie Davis 0, Lorraine White 0 Audrey

Fixtures (Dec 10th);

Feniton Soc B v Honiton Inn A, Honiton Inn B v Workingmens A, New Fountain v Vine Inn B, Thirsty Farmer v Blacksmith Arms, Vine Inn A v Feniton Soc A.

Captains Cup: Hedley Hawkins 0 Maureen Pendrick 1, Lionel Hawkins 1 Julie Davis 0, Lorraine White 0 Audrey

League table

Blacksmiths Arms

Thirsty Farmer

Feniton Soc B

Vine Inn A

New Fountain

Workingmens A

Vine Inn B

Workingmens B

Honiton Inn B

Feniton Soc A

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rugby chard rfc

BY GLYN HUGHES

Late score hurts

CHARD 18
WESTON-SUPER-MARE 29
South West Division One
THIS was going to be a really tough game anyway but even more so in the dire weather conditions but credit to both sides for providing the crowd with an exciting game.

Weston certainly deserved to win the game, but Chard were denied a losing bonus point when outstanding Weston scrum half Hayden Tuttiert made a break with virtually the last play of the game to score an super individual try.

Considering that Chard went into the game with a real patchwork team, as a result of injury and late withdrawals, they put up a very creditable performance.

With the first choice back row pair of Ryan Helliard and Chris Spurdle having to fill in half-back Chard could have been up against it but as the game settled down the side proved to be very competitive throughout.

Weston took an early lead with an two unconverted tries but Chard hit back with a penalty goal from the boot of MoM Helliard and in the last quarter of the first half they got right back into the game.

Weston having a man sent to the bin.

Within minutes Chard had taken advantage and Spurdle picked up and drove over for an excellent try.

The conversion was missed and Chard trailed 10-8 at half-time.

Weston gained good ground early in the second-half and skipper George Sparks picked up and went over.

Some slack tackling deep in the Weston '22 allowed the visitors to break clear and winger Ollie Caton crossed for a converted try in a move that covered 70 metres.

The Chard forwards were really putting Weston under pressure and, following a series of drives, the referee yellow carded one of the Weston forwards and awarded Chard a penalty try which Helliard converted.

Helliard soon added a penalty to put Chard within seven points, and a possible point, but the late try from Tuttiert sealed victory for the visitors.

Unbeaten run ended

NAILSEA & BACKWELL 17 CHARD 5

Somerset League

CHARD Colts lost for the first time this season against a useful Nailsea team.

Chard played up the considerable Nailsea slope in the opening half and found themselves having to defend virtually throughout the opening 35 minutes.

Chard however missed three up front tackles and conceded three tries one of which was converted and this gave Nailsea a 17-0 interval advantage.

Despite everything in their favour in the second half Chard were unable to make the most of numerous chances and their only score came when Joel Nicholls got the touchdown following a driving maul from a lineout.

Saturday's fixtures: 1st xv away at Clevedon, 2nd xv home against Imperial (2pm) Colts home v Minehead (at Crewkerne Road).

Local golfers battle through

HONITON with Liz Rogers

MIXED REPORT

FOR this week's mixed competition the format was American Four-somes.

The winning pair with 38 points were Heather Clark & Mike Watts. In second position on countback with 34 points were Hilda Hoepelman & Bob Barnes.

LADIES SECTION

IT was a Christmas Fun Competition this week. The format was three-ball better ball over 14 holes with the best two scores to count.

Taking first place were Chris Pearce, Linda Blundell & Carol Cole with 55 points. In second were Sue Ritchie, Lesley Oxenham & Stephani Barnes (54).

Hilda Hoepelman, Janet Hughes and Jan Lloyd claimed hidden prize for the best score on the second hole with five points.

SENIORS SECTION

FORTY-THREE seniors played a pre-Christmas Lunch Stableford competition with the normal 18 holes were shortened to either 10 or 11.

Winner of the group starting on the 1st and playing 10 holes was Tony Williams with a superb 25 points. In second place was Pete Morgan with 20 and Alan Pollock was third with 19.

The group starting on the 11th had the harder challenge of negotiating the tough stretch of holes 15 to 18.

Mike Watts rose to the challenge taking first place with 22 points. In second place was Phil Faulkner with 20 and the third prize went to Vic Wood.

AXE CLIFF with Peter Motson

THE Mens section played their monthly Stableford competition with the following scores; 1st with 34pts was Jin Hong. Also with 34 but placed 2nd, was Gavin Walker and in 3rd place was Richard Gibbons.

The Seniors' Winter League 4th round produced the following results: 1st, Terry Jessop & Adrian Bishop 37pts, 2nd Ron Bragg & Mike Jamieson 32 and 3rd, John Hannah & Peter Hornsby with 31.

The Ladies section four-clubs and a putter competition was won by Margaret Kenchington with Helen Kenworthy as runner up.

CRICKET ST THOMAS

with Bert Robinson

ON Monday, the Seniors and Ladies sections combined to form the annual Christmas Cracker competition in aid of the two respective charities.

This was a three player Bowmaker with teams of two men and a lady, played over 15 holes due to the adverse conditions.

In a close encounter, only one point separated the first three positions, with the trio led by Linda McDonald winning by a single shot.

Both Captains were delighted to announce that

£145 had been raised for their respective Charities.

Result; 1st Linda McDonald, Bob Barrow & Clive Fisk 58pts, 2nd Fran Branchflower, Roger Stone & Alan Davis 57, 3rd Kim Clark, Nobby Hodder & Bill Hilsen 57.

Eleven teams of three took part in the Waltz Bowmaker competition on Wednesday.

In testing blustery winds, the scoring was not great and no team managed to break par.

Result; 1st Nick Hill, Dick Hall & Ian Fielder 67pts, 2nd Frank Martin, Richard Forster & Alan Davis 63, 3rd Phil Hunt, Bob White & Danny Dowell 62.

Forty two Seniors competed in turkey trot on Friday, result: Division One; 1st Danny Dowell 38pts, 2nd Tony Church 37, 3rd Stuart Pope 36.

Division Two; 1st David Taylor 40pts, 2nd Brian Marsh 32, 3rd Andy Beale 31.

youth football news

Wind blown weekend for youths

SEATON UNDER 10S travelled to Exmouth playing the Tornados and Hurricanes - names that summed up perfectly the weather conditions!

Despite the gale force winds the standard of football was fantastic. First up Seaton beat the Tornados 2-1. Seaton began strongly and Leo Gribble opened the scoring following good work by Henry Matthews.

The second half was backs to the wall stuff and Seaton had to dig in and show their mettle against the fierce wind, but a swift counter attack saw Thomas Browne calmly slot the ball home.

Despite conceding once Seaton weathered the storm for a deserved win.

Next up the Hurricanes gave Seaton their toughest test of the season and were soon 2-0 up.

They rallied with a goal from George Gait but were always on the back foot and eventually lost 3-1.

Man of the morning was Daniel Baltuschat.

Millwey Rise round-up

UNDER 8s Exeter & Dist League: Stoke Hill

hockey chard

Kyle holds key to away victory

Bridgwater C 2 Chard A 3
SUBSTITUTE Kyle Wheaton starred, scoring one and making another for two-goal hero Harvey Denning as Chard 2nd XI overturned a half-time deficit at blustery Chilton Trinity.

Chard went to the match with just 11 players but were boosted not only by the arrival of Wheaton but also that of Chris Knight, both arriving in time to make first half appearances.

Bridgwater set a fast tempo from the first whistle and Berge Balian in goal had to

make a couple of smart saves but the hosts pressure finally told and they took the lead after 25 minutes.

In the second half, and with the game evenly balanced, Wheaton got Chard back on equal terms, bustling into the D, resisting challenges before scoring with a neat flick into the top corner.

Impetus was slowly swinging Chard's way despite Bridgwater pressing forward once more.

A swift counter saw square the ball for Denning to find the unguarded net.

Rovers 3-0 Millwey Rise, Stoke Hill United 1-0 Millwey Rise

UNDER 10s Exeter & Dist League: Honiton Hornets 2-1 Millwey Rise Eagles (Louis Newcombe), CS Lions 2-1 Millwey Rise Eagles (Finlay Downes), CS Lions 9-0 Millwey Rise Falcons, Honiton Hornets 4-2 Millwey Rise Falcons (Oliver Fountain, Joshua Marlow).

UNDER 11s Exeter & Dist (Division 1): Sidmouth Warriors 2-0 Millwey Rise

Axminster Town U8 v

West Hill & Brixington Blues

THE first game against West Hill saw the young Tigers put in their best season's performance so far.

Goals from Joseph Morgan (3), Bailey Galloway (2), Corey Pritchard (2) and George Chapman made the final score 8-1 to Ax.

The second Game against Brixington Blues proved to be a far tougher test. A tight first half ended goal less but the opposition began to dominate and with the pressure eventually told and the Tigers goalkeeper Dylan Burroughs was finally beaten.

on the frontier - skittles round-up

COLYTON LEAGUE									
Div 1 - Axe Con A 346 (I Macdonald, S Moore 67) Gerard A 359 (D Hawkins 65); Colyton Club A 351 (G Hartnell 65) Honiton Con D 384 (M Wakley 75); Lamb B 307 (B Dicks 61) Colcombe A 319 (D Parsons 65); Red Lion C 337 (H Harris 93) Colcombe B 374 (M Enticott 77) Hon WMC A 312 (G Chandler 63); Sidbury Stones 3393 (G Sweetland 75) Tuckers Fresh 70; Vine B 355 (R Blackmore 65) New Inn A 357 (R Webb 65).									
Div 2: Gerrard B 304 (M Orsman 55) Wheelwright A 297 (K Morely, T Hammett 53); Colcombe Beerboys 338 (P Heathfield B 291 (Marion Fletcher 53); PJ's Koots 356 (S Denning 66); PJ's Pirates 363 (P Nield 70); Old Inn Kings 336 (S Fuller 64) Colyton Club B 338 (M Berry 61) Offwell Rejects 368 (L Stubbs 70) Axminster AFC A 349 (T Meaker 65).									
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Ladies League - Nov 23rd Div 1: New Inn B 302 (S Hurford 57) v Wotnots 303 C									
Division One Pld Pts Sampson C 3 Phillips 56 Cloakham A 312 (A Ellis C Craven 57) v New Inn A 318 (P Hurford 71) Seaton BC 306 (D Morley 58) v Bees Knees 298 (K Lloyd-Hughes 62) v Lion A 353 (J Flint 67) v Ax Inn A 372 (J Palmer 72) v Gerard Guzzlers 280 (R Hallworth 56) v Tuckers C 243 (S Hembrow 48) Rousdon Ladies 325 (S Millman 68) v Colcombe A 327 (A Ogden 67).									
Div 2: Tuckers A 332 (L Gould 65) v Seaton FC 278 (L Smith 52) Thorncombe A 258 (B Harding 57) v Colcombe Angels 273 (S Gush 53) Colcombe Girls 293 (M Wills 58) v Tuckers B 291 (S Cooper 55) Colcloakham Castaways 280 (H Phillips 52) v Thorncombe Newtops 294 (C Bull 56) Colcombe B 341 (S Chaplin 66) v Old Inn Kilm A 333 (L Beer 68) WH Wilm A 324 (J Bishop 58) v Gerrard A 313 (S Gardner 62) Ax Inn Allsorts 272 (J Pring 54) v Red Lion Rabble 310 (L Warren 59).									
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◆ **MISTERTON'S MURRAY?** MISTERTON Tennis Club recently held their annual dinner and presentation evening at the White Horse, Haselbury Plucknett. One of the most popular awards went to Oliver Collins from Crewkerne who received the Most Improved Junior awards. Oliver is pictured above flanked by club coach John Barrington (left) and Chairman Graham White. Junior Coaching continues at the Recreation Ground, Misterton after School on Wednesday afternoons.



Mike's round!

◆ **THAT'LL COST YOU:** Cricket St Thomas Golf Club member Mike Burt (black jumper) pictured with his team mates Robin Flower, Danny Dowell and Bill Hilson after his hole-in-one on the par 3 16th in last week's 4-ball Better-ball Medford competition.

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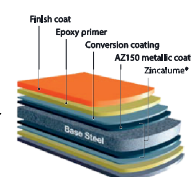
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